

G.A.W. Project

Pine Tree



With Christmas approaching pine trees are a very popular item and fairly easy to turn but they do provide good practice for the Novice turner and this design offers an opportunity to try out the skew chisel. As always sharp tools make life a lot easier.



Any wood can be used but as it is supposed to be a pine tree why not use pine as here

This example on the left started life as a 3" square piece of pine

Turn to a cylinder and form a spigot at one end. Mount in a scroll chuck and taper the tailstock end of the work to the desired dimensions. *Positioning the toolrest to follow the taper angle desired assists this operation.*

Mark with a pencil the segments of the tree per plan. *(The tree looks more natural with taller segments at the bottom of the tree.)*

You can then use the long point of the skew to make "v" cuts either side of the pencil line. If you don't want to use a skew then a parting tool may do the job. Shape each segment with a spindle gouge.

Sand and finish and part off from the chuck trying to avoid torn grain on the base of the tree and other places where the end grain is exposed.

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