

Make these

Candlestick folk



These miniature candlesticks use the small candles and holders supplied for birthday cakes.

As a novelty item they will appeal to the craft fair customer.

The bonus for the woodturner is that a painted finish allows you to use pine wood and pine is an excellent practice timber. If you achieve a good finish from the tool with pine then your technique is sound. To do this sharp tools are essential.

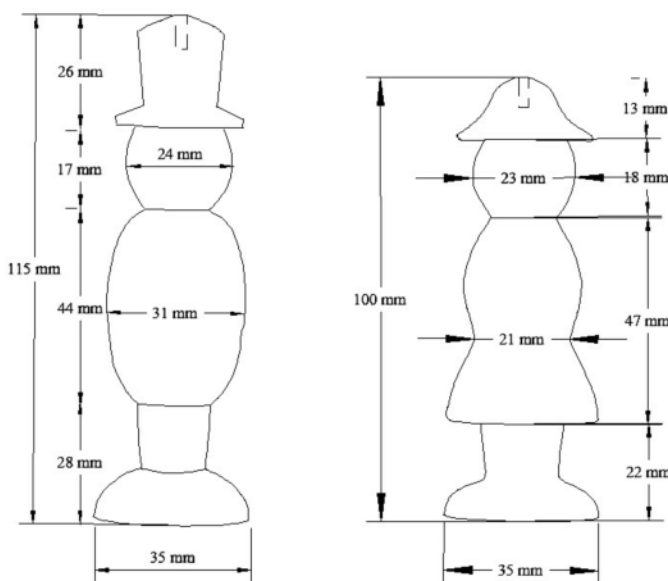
From 50 mm x 50 mm stock cut a piece 120 mm long and mount between centres.

Using a roughing out gouge rough to a cylinder measuring a generous 35 mm diameter which is the maximum diameter required for the base and the skirt

Mark the 4 different segments namely the hat, face, body and feet and turn each segment with a spindle gouge.

Rather than complete each segment of the body before starting the next you may prefer to progress each in turn by degrees to get an overall sense of the shape you are seeking.

Try using the skew chisel to define the area where the head meets the neck and also where it meets the hat



Take care when forming the base and lip of the hat not to go too thin as pine is liable to crumble where the grain is short and the wood is unsupported.

When you finish turning check the shape and look for torn grain. Once you are satisfied sand carefully. With a paint finish there is little point going finer than 250 grit. In the examples above acrylic paint was used.

The eyes were simply done with a blob of paint using the point of a large paperclip. After the paint has dried drill a hole in the top of the hat to accommodate the candle holder