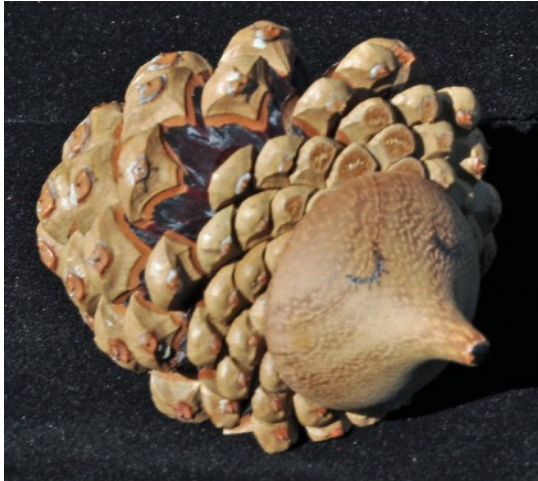


Make this

Pine cone hedgehog



These little creatures are popular at craft fairs and simple to make. Their appeal is enhanced by a cute face.

I favour the demure look (*see photo on left*)

This was done with pyrography however painted faces can be equally effective (*see below*). I paint the eyes using the point of a large paperclip. This gives a neat circle.



Select undamaged pine cones with open segments.

Grind a flat surface to prevent the hedgehog rolling about and to provide a better shape. I use a homemade disc of MDF with some 60 grit sandpaper. The shape is formed in a matter of seconds on the lathe. (*Below right*)

It is also helpful to grind the base of the cone so the face part fits snugly with no gaps. Carefully drill a 4 mm hole in the centre of the pine base to fit the face part.

Next make the face. Any timber will do but I generally use sycamore (good for pyrography) or a timber which resembles the pine cone in colour. Mount the timber in a chuck and bring it to the desired diameter. Sizes will vary depending on the size of the pine cone and your preferences.

The sizes in the drawing are for a medium sized pine cone. Dish the end and drill a 4 mm hole. Now shape the face and nose then sand and part off. Turn a 4 mm dowel in a suitable hardwood (*beech or oak*). Fix the dowel to the face part and pine cone. Glue and assemble. Decorate the face as desired.

