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Cup Urn

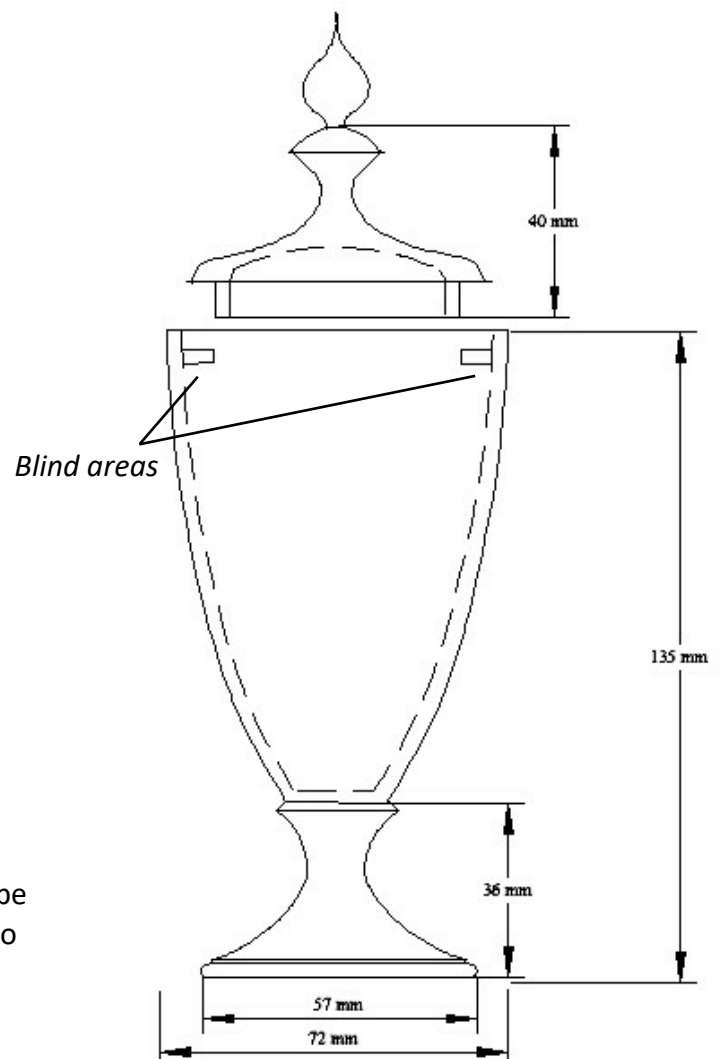


Walnut Cup urn

With the base section section firmly in the chuck shape the outside, and then hollow out forming a shelf to accommodate the lid. (See plan).

I confess I like making boxes of one sort or another and this one has an interesting classic shape. The main challenge is undercutting the shelf on which the lid rests. A close grained timber like walnut is ideal. This piece of wood had its challenges. There were holes here and there into which I melted coloured furniture restorers wax.

With a blank about 20 cm long turn to a cylinder and form a spigot at both ends Part off about a third of the cylinder and put to one side. This will be used to make the lid. The finial can be added separately if desired.



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The Sorby multi tip tool comes in handy for undercutting the shelf but there are other tool options which allow ready access to the blind area underneath the shelf

With the piece of wood that has been saved for the lid mounted in the chuck trim down the diameter so that the rim of the lid is a snug fit in the urn.

With a parting tool make a rim at one end so that the lid is a firm fit in the hole between the shelf.

This will enable you to use the main body as a jam chuck once we are finished with the inside of the lid

Hollow out the inside of the lid and
(See *photograph opposite*). Sand and finish.

It is now time to turn the outside of the lid.

Put the urn back in the chuck fit the lid using a tissue if necessary and shape the outside including the finial

Sand and complete using your preferred finish. I used undiluted sander sealer and Yorkshire grit



*Underside of the lid . Some turners place a pearl or other jewel in the centre.
This particular lid had to be abandoned due to a hole right on the rim which defied the wax treatment.*