

Figure. 2

Turning an Artisan® Crank Top Pepper Mill

Supplies Needed

- 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 3-1/4" Blank
- 1-1/2" Forstner Drill Bit
- 1-1/16" Forstner Drill Bit
- 1-3/16" Drill Bit
- Sandpaper/Finish
- Drill or Drill Press
- Eye and Ear Protection

Selecting the Blank

1. Select a 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 3-1/4" blank with the grain running lengthwise.

Mounting the Blank

- **1.** Mount the blank between centers and rough turn the blank to round.
- **2.** True the ends of the blank making the overall length 2-7/8" long. Cut a 1/4" long dovetail tenon on each end for mounting in a 4 jaw chuck. (See Figure. 1)



Drilling the Mill Body

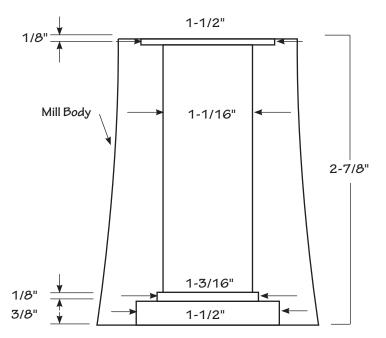
- 1. Mount the Mill Body in a chuck gripping the dovetail tenon.
- **2.** Drill a 1-1/2" dia. hole 3/8" deep.
- **3.** Drill a 1-3/16" dia. hole 1/8" deep.
- **4.** Now drill a 1-1/16" hole half way through the blank.
- **5.** Reverse the blank in the chuck and check it to make sure it runs true and tighten it.
- **6.** Drill a 1-1/2" hole 1/8" deep.
- **7.** Drill a 1-1/16" hole through the blank until it meets the existing hole leaving a 1-1/16" hole through the entire blank.

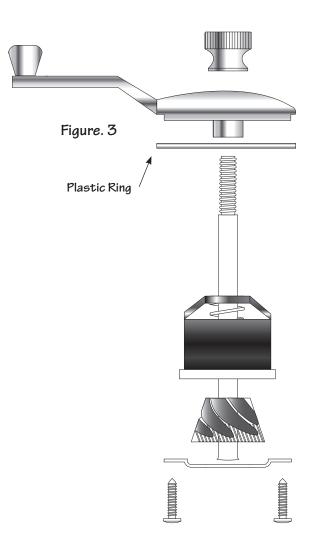
Precaution:

 The hole depths must be accurately drilled or the mechanism will not work.

Turning the Mill Body

- **1.** Mount a 2" to 3" diameter by 2" long waste block on the lathe using a chuck or faceplate.
- **2.** Turn a 1-1/2" long tenon to fit very snugly into the 1-1/16" dia. hole in the Mill Body. Leave a small shoulder at the base of the tenon. Test the fit of the tenon to the hole until you have the right fit.
- **3.** Mount the blank onto the tenon and turn to your desired shape. Support the blank using the tailstock whenever possible. Turn off the remaining tenon.
- **4.** Sand and finish the blank.
- **5.** Assemble the pepper mill according to figure. 3.





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