

Turning the Utensil Set

Supplies Needed

- 7mm Drill Bit
- 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 7" Blank
- Chuck or Faceplate
- Scrap Wood
- Glue (Thick CA or Epoxy)
- Sandpaper/Finish
- Drill or Drill Press
- Revolving Center
- Eye and Ear Protection

Drill the Handle Blank

- 1. Select a piece of hardwood 1 1/2" x 7" long.
- **2.** Make a center mark on the end of the blank and drill a 7mm diameter hole about 1 1/2" deep.

Make a Drive Spigot

- 1. Mount a scrap piece of hardwood 2" dia. x 2 1/2" long to a faceplate or chuck.
- **2.** Turn a 3/4" long spigot that will fit snugly into the drilled hole of the handle blank. Leave a shoulder on the spigot for the blank to seat against. (See Figure 1)

Turn the Handle Blank

- **1.** Push the drilled handle blank onto the spigot tenon. The fit should be snug. Center the other end of the handle blank onto a revolving center. (See Figure 1)2. Rough turn the blank to round using a roughing gouge or spindle gouge.
- **2.** Using a skew chisel laying flat on its side, square the drilled end of the handle using the long point of the tool.
- **3.** Turn a 5/16" long tenon to a diameter approximately 3/4" to receive the ferrule. Stop the lathe and remove the handle blank. **Test the fit of the ferrule on the tenon.** It should fit snugly.
- **4.** Turn the handle to your desired shape leaving 1/2" of waste on the tailstock end.
- **5.** Sand and finish the blank.
- **6.** Trim off the 1/2" waste piece on the lathe or on a bandsaw. Sand and finish the end.

Utensil Set Assembly

- **1.** Align the cutter with the grain of the turned handle for the best appearance.
- **2.** Glue the blade and ferrule in place with gap filling super glue or epoxy.

Figure 1

