

Turning a Hollow Egg

Order of Work

1. Template preparation
 - Fix the photocopy on a piece of Bristol board or plywood
 - Cut and/or sand egg to template size
 - Trace the template onto another piece of Bristol board or plywood
 - Again cut and/or sand egg to size
 - Draw a line 3/16" inside the perimeter of the template
 - Again cut the template to the new size.
 - Trace the "large egg" onto Bristol board and cut a "half-shape" template
2. Turning the Egg
 - Mount a piece of wood 3 3/4 - 4" x9" between centers (OR SIZE TO SUIT)
 - Turn the wood to a 3 3/8" cylinder
 - True the ends of the blank
 - Turn a 1/2" wide by 3" diameter (or whatever suits your chuck or faceplate) tenon on the headstock end of the blank
 - Mark the length to 9" and part of the cylinder to that length
 - Turn another tenon on the tailstock end of the cylinder
 - Secure the headstock tenon in a scroll chuck or faceplate
 - Use your tailstock for support
 - Mark the blank to the required length (4 3/4")
 - Mark a line 2" from the headstock end of the blank
 - Part the blank at this point
 - Drill 1 3/4" into the blank
 - Hollow the 2" end of the egg and (use your template as a guide) and remove some of the wood from the outside
 - Turn a glue rebate at the end of the blank
 - Mount the other end of the blank
 - Drill into and hollow this end of the blank
 - Glue the two halves together
 - Finish turning the "pointed" end of the egg.
 - Continue turning the blunt end of the egg and finally part off