

Southern Turners Project Sheet

Gonks / Gnomes



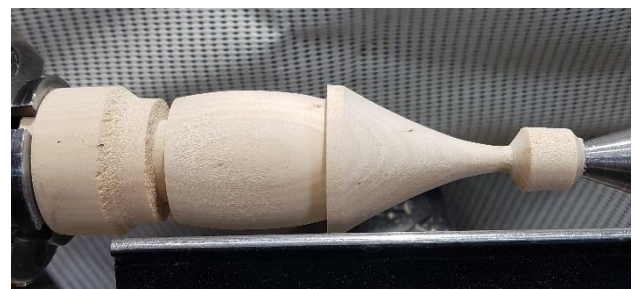
This project sheet details how to make a Gonk. There are many videos and designs available on the internet, this is one method to make a Gonk. You can let your artistic streak take over!



Choose a piece timber approx. 55mm square and 180mm long. Mount between centers and rough down to approx. 50mm diameter. Make a tenon for your chuck on one end. This blank will make the gonk and his nose.

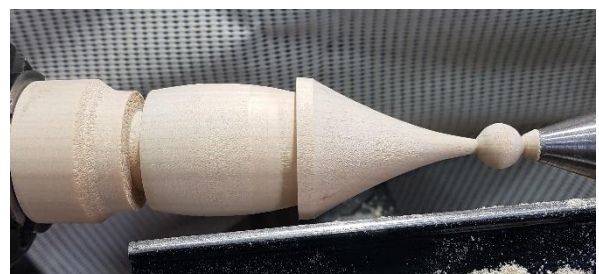


Mark your blank as shown, allow 10mm waste tailstock end, then mark 10mm (for the ball on the hat) then 65mm (hat) and 50mm (body). The remaining timber will become his nose. Using a parting tool (about 3mm is best) make a cut as shown above to define the parts. Do not cut too deep at the far left (bottom of body) as you need to maintain stability while turning. Timber can now be mounted in the chuck but continue to use the tailstock for support.



Start by shaping the hat. Then apply some body shape. The hat rim is slightly undercut, this allows the upper edge of the hair to be hidden.

The ball is now shaped.





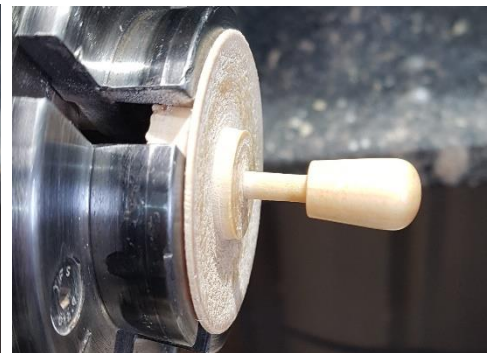
Sand and polish at this point with tailstock support.



Remove tailstock and gently finish cutting ball, then sand and polish.



Now part off the Gonk from the remaining timber. Use a slight undercut so that Gonk will sit flat on surface.



Reduce the remaining timber to approx. 15mm diameter. Now shape and sand the nose.

Make a 3-4mm tenon for mounting. Very gently polish and then part off.



Drill a hole below the hat for the nose.

Test fit the nose but do not glue at this time.



Cut hair to fit. Should be wide enough to go half way around gonk (180 deg).

Height should be from hat to just above bottom of body.

Cut a notch where the nose will go.



Attach hair with hot glue.

Glue in nose, a drop of superglue is the easiest.

You now have your finished Gonk!