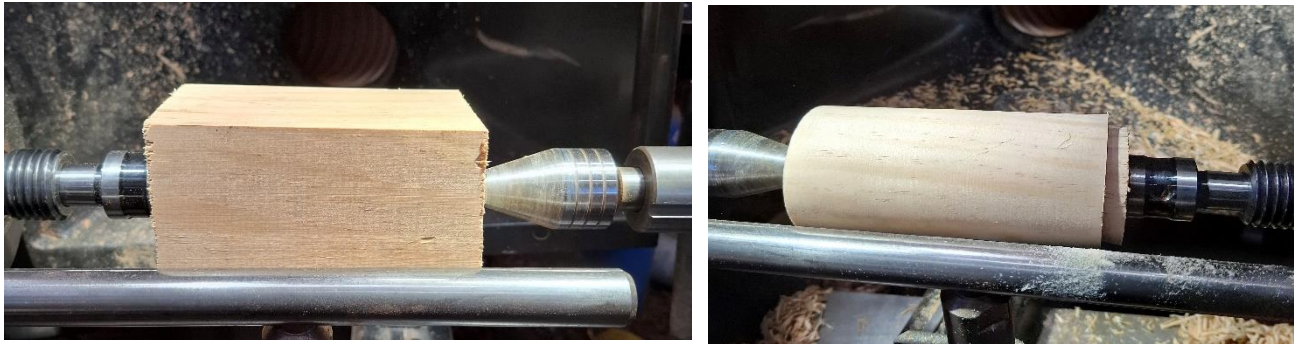


Southern Turners Project Sheet

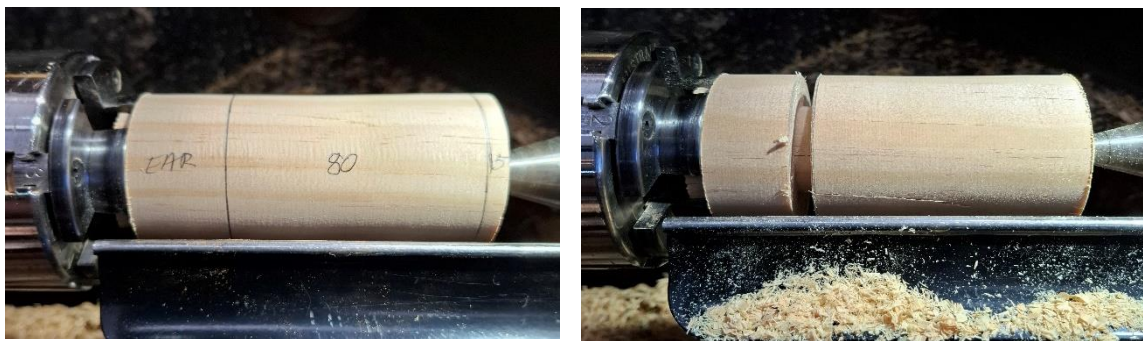
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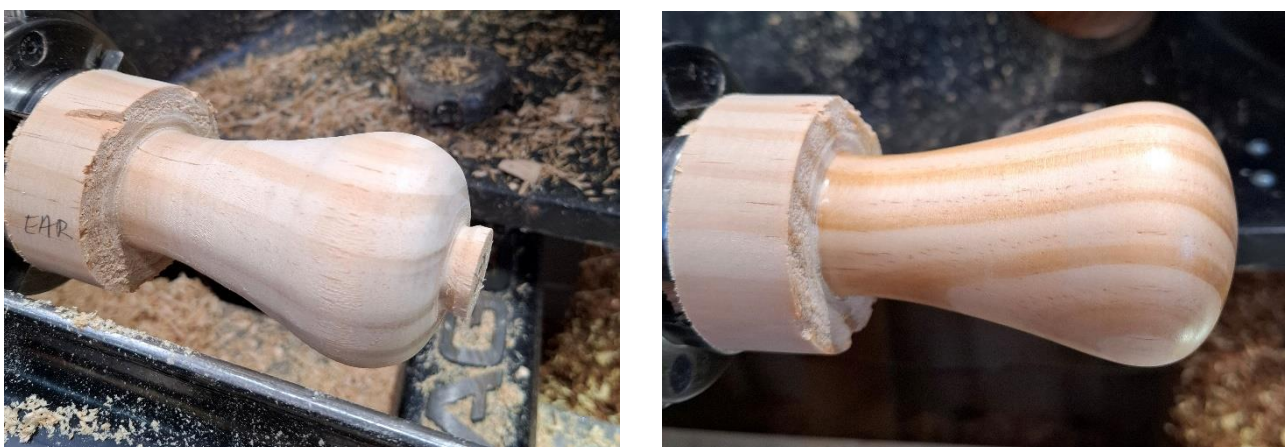
This project sheet details how to make an Elephant. There are many videos and designs available on the internet, this is one method to make an Elephant. You can let your artistic streak take over!



Choose 2 pieces timber approx. 65mm square and 125mm long. Mount between centers and rough down to approx. 55-60mm diameter. Make a tenon for your chuck on one end. Each blank will make 1 ear and 1 body part.



Mark your blank, allow 5mm waste tailstock end, then mark body part length and make a parting cut to define length. Do not cut too deep at the far left (bottom of body) as you need to maintain stability while turning.



Start by shaping the body. When shaped remove tailstock, remove waste and sand. Polish can be applied at this point if desired. Part off and put to one side.

Smooth and sand the end of the timber blank in the chuck. Measure and mark a 5mm thick band for the ear. On the end mark the diameter of ear. Make parting cut to define ear, don't go too deep at this point as you need to maintain strength for turning.



Turn ear to marked diameter, shape, sand and part off. Polish before parting off if desired. Put to one side and continue with head/trunk and second ear following the same steps as previous using the second piece of wood.

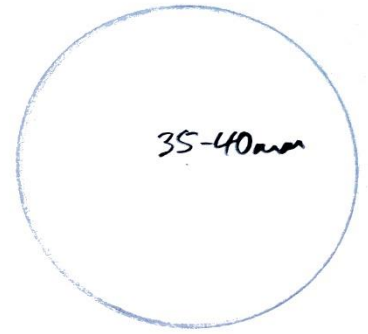
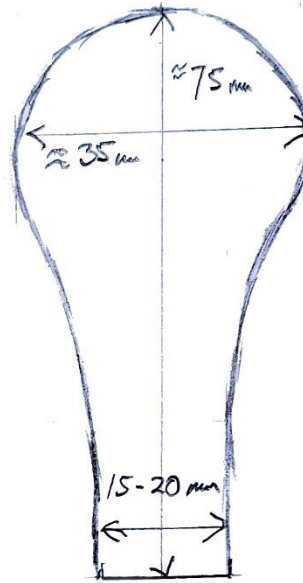
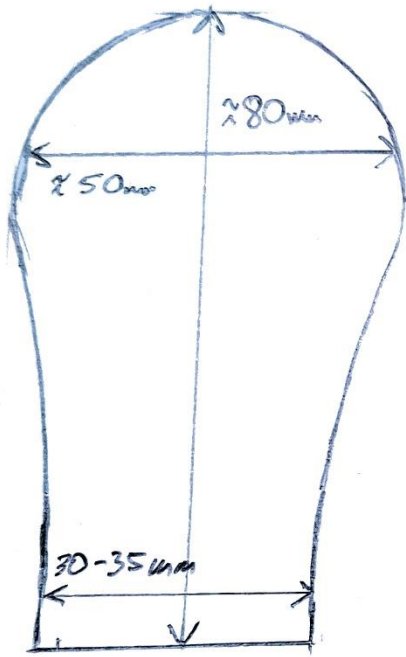
TIP



Before parting off the head/trunk a line drawn on the head can be used to mark the eye position ensuring that both eyes will be at the same level. Black map pins make great eyes, drill 3.5mm hole and glue in.



Sand a small flat spot on the back and both sides of the head to allow for better gluing. Also sand a small flat spot on the front of the body. Hot glue or white glue (Titebond etc.) can be used. 3mm bamboo skewers can be used as dowels in the joints for added strength if required. Stand body and head on a flat surface together to mark where to sand flat spots, this ensures flat spots meet!



These dimensions and shapes are suggestions to get started and are by no means absolute. This project lends itself to scaling of any size and artistic shape design.

The basics to remember are that the head /trunk should be narrower and shorter than the body.

Ears about 50% of body height.

Have fun and make a herd.

(I apologize for my free hand drawings.)