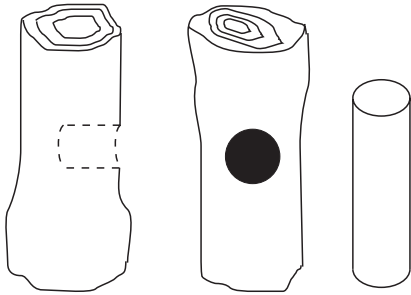
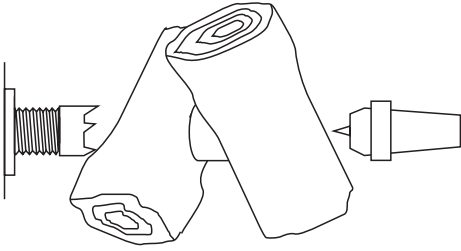


Pewter Bobbin Vase



Take two pieces of well-grained branch wood 20 to 30mm dia and about 35mm long, and a shorter length of dowel.

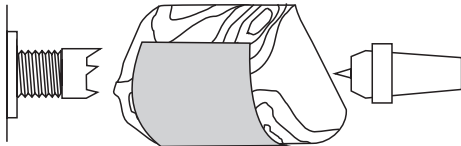
Drill dowel-size holes into each piece of the branch wood.



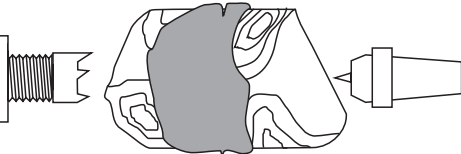
Glue the three pieces together so that the bits of branch wood are at 90° to each other and only a few millimetres of dowel is showing between them.



Mount between centres with the centre line of the dowel along the centre line of the lathe. Turn until the branch woods are just round.



Make a former with foil and card that fits tightly around each piece of branch wood and rises well above mid-level. Pour molten pewter until it is above the dowel to ensure that it stays in place. Rotate the wood and former a little and add more pewter to the lower side. Repeat the rotation and filling until the band of pewter around the dowel is completely up to the level of the branch wood all around.



Add a generous dose of CA glue to the join lines between the pewter and branch wood.



Turn the pewter down to the level of the branch wood and then turn both the pewter and branch wood to the vase shape of your choice.

Any hole down the middle must be narrower than the diameter of the dowel.

