Forstner Bit Speeds

Twist Drill Speeds

| Dia of Bit mm | Lathe Speed rpm | Dia of Bit mm | Lathe Speed rpm |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 25 | 500 | 3 | 3000 |
| 30 | 450 | 8 | 1500 |
| 35 | 400 | 15 | 750 |
| 40 | 350 | 25 | 500 |
| 45 | 300 | | |
| 50 | 250 | Brad-point Bit Speeds | |
| 55 | 240 | Dia of Bit mm | Lathe Speed rpm |
| 60 | 230 | 3 | 1200 |
| 65 | 210 | 6 | 1000 |
| 70 | 190 | 9 | 750 |
| 75 | 175 | 12 | 750 |
| 80 | 160 | 16 | 500 |
| 85 | 145 | 19 | 250 |
| 90 | 130 | 22 | 250 |
| 95 | 115 | 25 | 250 |
| 100 | 100 | | |
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Slower lathe speed and faster advance of the drill. Keep the drill cutting. When the drill stops cutting and slides on the wood heat is created.