



Hollow Form Markup for Decoration 2 from Hughie Mackay

This is a way to draw lines on a hollow form or bowl to create boundaries for carving or decoration.

The wall thickness of the form needs to be enough for the intended decoration. The outside should be sanded to a good finish.

Lathes commonly have a 24 position spindle lock which will allow for drawing of 24, 12 or 8 lines on the work. If a different pattern of lines is needed an index plate with different index arrays will be needed.

Put a short length of dowel in the toolrest holder. Put one point of a compass on that dowel and draw the pencil over the wood. The various positions of the dowel through shifting the toolrest holder and stretch of the compass will change the curve of the lines on the form.

Lock the spindle lock. Draw a line along the length of the work. Rotate the hollow form by the required number of spindle lock positions. Lock again. Draw another line, and so on until a full rotation of the work is completed.

