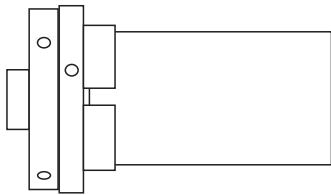
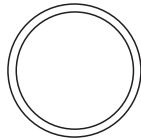
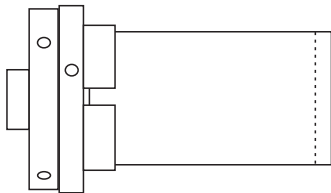


Rings for Decorating

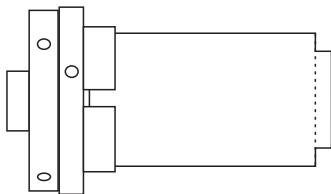
This is a project about making wooden rings which may be used on their own, or joined together, or set side-by-side for jewellery or as inserts in other work. Ideally, the rings are made to follow a drawn plan or fit a previously made item. The plan or item will determine the dimensions of the ring, or rings, and the orientation of the grain in the work.



Mount the wood of your choice in a chuck and round it off. Turn it down to the outside diameter of your first planned ring.



On the end of the wood mark the planned inside diameter of the ring. Push a thin parting tool into the wood inside that mark. Use a fine skew chisel to cut from the outside surface of the wood in to the parting tool cut.



Cut the diameter of the end of the wood down to the planned diameter for the next ring. You may also need to take the face that you have just cut with the skew back a little to provide space for the next parting off cut. Mark and cut the next ring as you did for the first one. Repeat the process for as many rings as you need.



Rings cut for inlays need to be made with a grain orientation that matches the form they will be fitted into. The cuts need to be smooth but sanding should not be necessary.



Rings cut for jewellery are best cut cross-grain from figured wood. All surfaces need to be well sanded and finished.