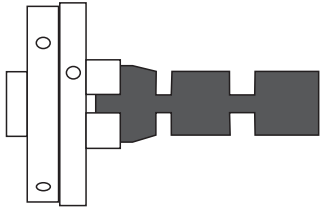


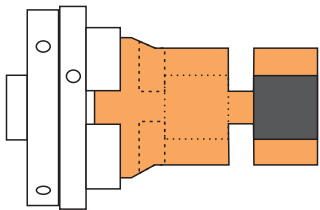
Little Round Owl

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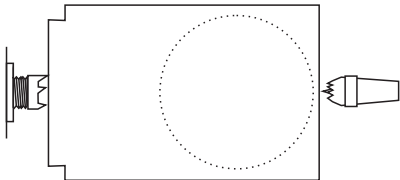
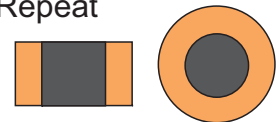
This project is to make a purely decorative woodturned little round owl that can be looked at, fondled, or carried in a pocket. The finished size is about 48mm diameter.



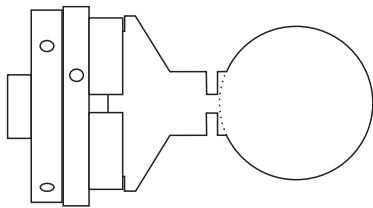
Start by making two eyes for the owl. For the pupils mount a piece of dark (or light) wood at least 35mm long and 12mm square in a chuck. Turn it round and thin it down to 10mm diameter. Part off two 10mm lengths. Set these aside.



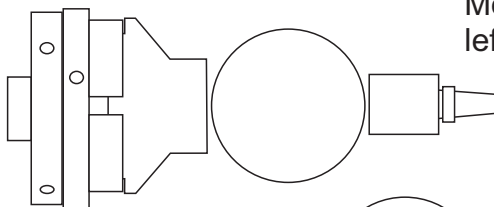
For the irises mount a piece of contrasting coloured wood at least 35mm long and 22mm diameter in a chuck. Drill a 10mm hole 10mm into the end and glue in one of the pupils. Turn it round and to 19mm diameter (check drill diameter first). Part this 10mm length off and set it aside. Repeat the process to make a second eye.



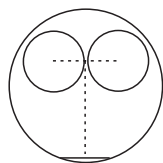
For the body of the owl mount a block that is 85mm long and 55mm square between centres. Round it off and cut a spigot at one end.



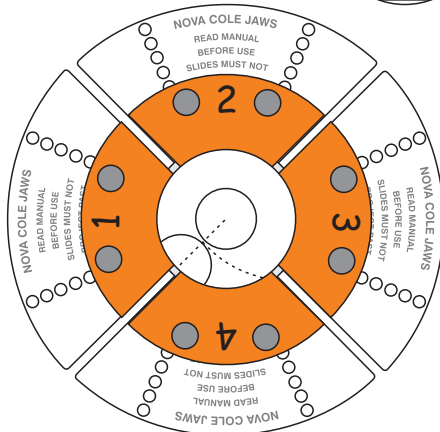
Turn the sphere. Sand it to almost finished. Part it off.



Mount the sphere between cup chucks. Cut off the bits left at the parting cut. Sand and finish the entire surface.



Look at the grain in the wood and decide where you will make the little flat foot for the owl to rest on. Mark that point. Then measure vertically up from there about two thirds of the diameter of the ball. From that point mark 10mm to left and right for the centre point of the eyes.



Put the sphere into a ball chuck with one eye at the centre. Drill a 19mm hole 5mm into the sphere and glue in one of the eyes made earlier. Cut the surplus wood away and then into a slight concave. Sand and finish. Rotate the sphere to the second eye. Repeat the process. Rotate the sphere to the point decided earlier for the foot. Turn that area to a slight concave. Sand and finish. Your owl is complete.

