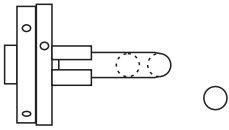
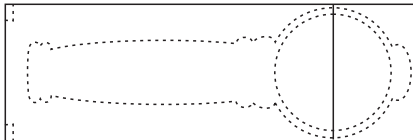


Split Wood Baby Rattle

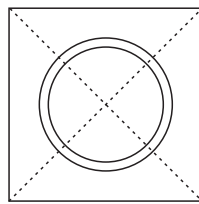
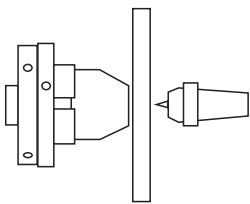


Start by making three small wooden beads. About 10 mm diameter of any wood. No need to sand or finish.

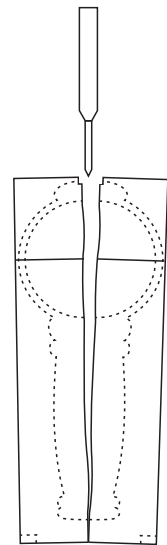
For the rattle select a piece of straight-grained wood about 150 mm long and 50 mm square. Within this you will be making a baby rattle.



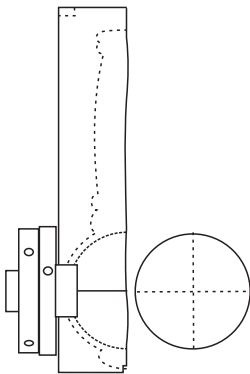
Decide on the inside and outside diameters of the roundish rattle end. Measure in from the rattle end a bit more than the radius of the planned outside of the rattle end. Draw a line around the block at this point.



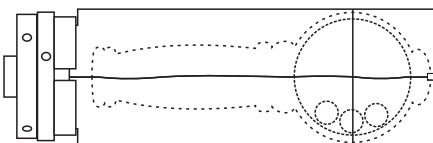
Make a circle template for the outer and inner diameters. See the Circle Template in www.sawg.org.nz for details.



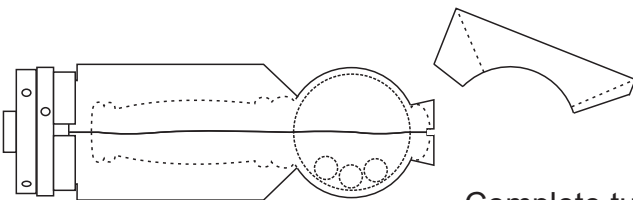
Split the block of wood in half lengthways. This can be assisted by a shallow bandsaw cut to start the split and use of a broad double-sided chisel.



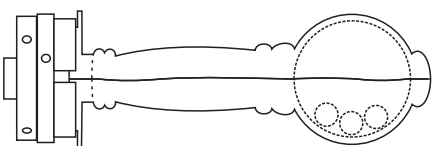
Mount one half of the wood cross-wise in a chuck which has had two opposing jaws removed. The line around the wood should be at the centre of the chuck. Hollow the rattle end. Use the inner circle of the circle template to check the shape and depth of the hollow. This hollow does not need to be smooth or sanded. Repeat this action for the second half.



Place the three beads inside and glue the two halves together. When the glue is set you may complete the turning between centres or cut a spigot in the handle end and mount the work in a chuck.



Turn the wood to be round and then shape the rattle end. This may be ovoid or perfectly round. If it is to be round use a portion of the outer circle template to check the curve.



Complete turning the outside. Work from the tailstock end towards the headstock. The handle should be 25 mm diameter, or less, at the widest point. Start the parting off cut. Sand and finish all the outside. A beeswax, drying oil, or other foodsafe finish is good. Part off and hand finish the handle end.

