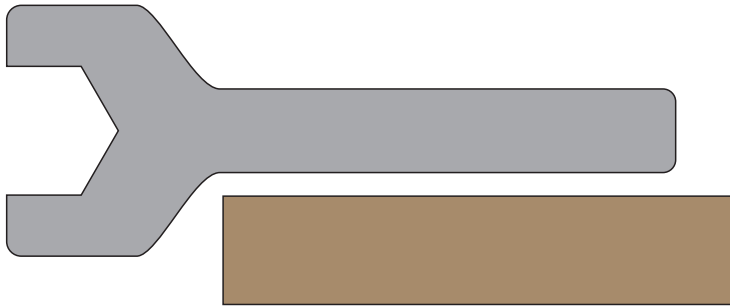


Chuck Spanner Handle

When you screw a chuck onto the spindle of your lathe we advise that you then firm it up with a push using the chuck spanner. This considerably reduces the chances that the chuck will jam on the lathe if you have an unexpected dig-in or incident which might otherwise drive the chuck to be unusually tight on the shaft. This firming up of the chuck then requires use of the spanner to remove the chuck. If you embed the spanner handle in a nice round piece of wood then it will be much easier to pick off the bench and much more pleasant to use.

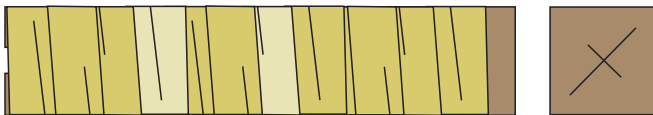


The spanner shown here is one made by Timberly for Nova chucks. You may use this method to apply a handle to most other spanners.

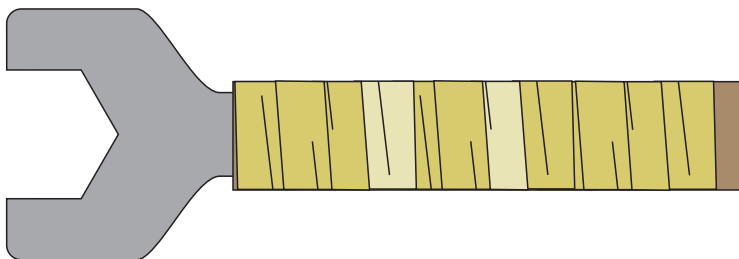
Cut a piece of wood to be wider than the spanner handle and a little longer than the handle.



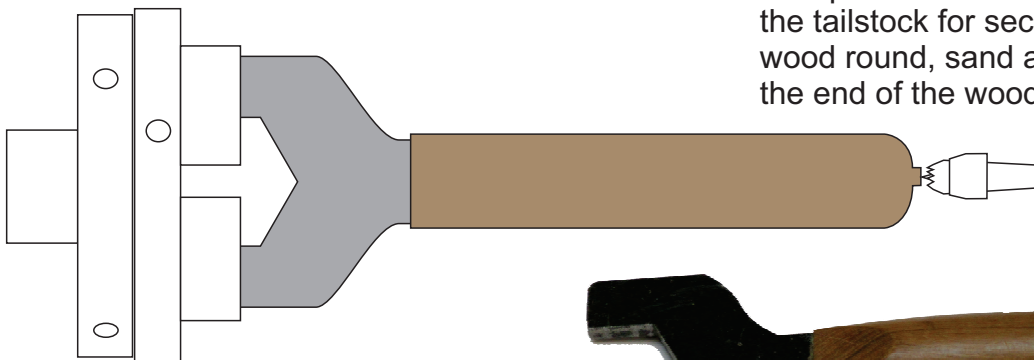
Cut a slot in the wood to be a little wider than the thickness of the spanner handle and just the length of that part of the spanner that you wish to enclose in wood.



Wrap the wood securely with tape so that when the wood is standing on the closed end epoxy resin poured into the slot will not escape. Mark the centre of the closed end.



Stand the wood on the closed end. Pour epoxy resin into the slot and then slip in the spanner. Ideally the resin should come to the top of the slot.



When the resin is set, grip the end of the spanner in a chuck and bring up the tailstock for security. Turn the wood round, sand and finish. Finish the end of the wood by hand.

