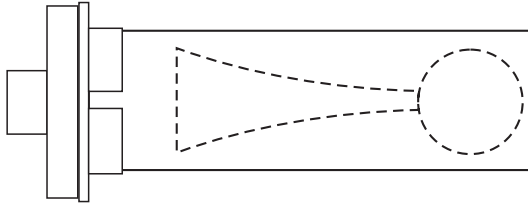


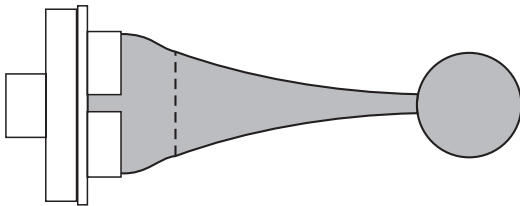
SPOONS

The design shown here is for a salt spoon 100 mm long with a 30 mm diameter bowl. If you plan to make more than two spoons then it will be wise to make the outer shape of the bowl and curve of the handle to a pattern that can be repeated exactly for fitting into the jigs for cutting and hollowing.

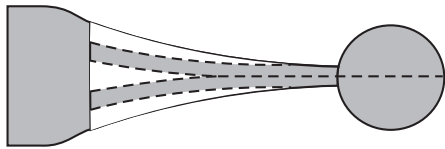
This project can make two spoons or you can select wood where one side has faults and can be wasted.



Mount a 40 mm x 40 mm x 130 mm long blank by one square end in a scroll chuck.

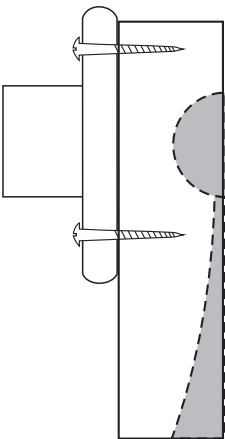


Cut to shape. Sand the 30 mm ball that is to be the spoon bowl and at least the lower one third of the handle.



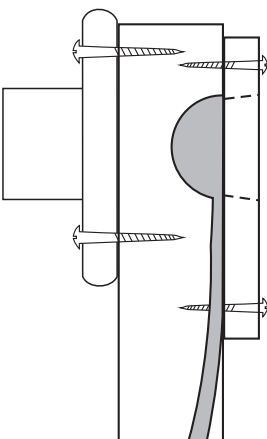
Remove the turned wood from the lathe. Use the square end to hold it firmly while you cut with a bandsaw or jigsaw first up the centre, then each side of the handle and finally remove the pair of spoons from the supporting block.

The details that follow are good for making a few spoons. If you plan mass production then wooden jaws on a scroll chuck or Cole jaws will make spoon hollowing easier.



Mount a block that is at least 30mm thick, 60mm wide and 120mm long on a faceplate or scroll chuck with two jaws removed. This mount is off-centre as shown.

Turn a hollow that will be an exact fit for half of the bowl of the spoon and carve a good-fitting groove for the handle. Screw a thin bit of mdf to the face of this block and turn a hole in the centre of it to a size a little smaller than the diameter of the spoon bowl. Remove this mdf from the block.



Put one spoon blank in the block on the lathe. Screw the mdf back onto the block. Through the hole in the mdf hollow the spoon. Sand the inside of the spoon.

Remove the spoon from the lathe.

Carve and sand the handle to shape, sand the cut top edge of the spoon. Apply the finish of your choice.