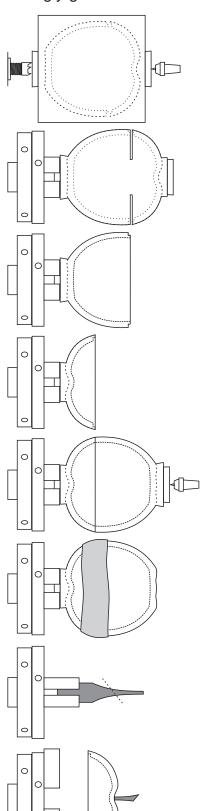


## **Apple Box**

## Demonstrated by Bob Yandell

This project sheet is intended to make an apple box of 80mm diameter and 80mm high, plus the stalk. But you can make it any size you wish. For good apple-like looks use a strongly-grained wood with the grain running vertically in the apple.

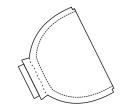


Start with a block about 100mm long and 90 x 90mm square. Mount this between centres, make it round and cut a spigot on both ends. Use of a 30mm chuck is recommended as the spigot required for a larger chuck makes shaping of the apple difficult.

Cut the wood down to 80mm diameter. Shape the outside and sand to about 240 grit. Part off the lid and set it aside.

Cut a recess around the rim for the lid to fit to later. Hollow the apple. Sand and finish the inside. Remove this part from the chuck.

Mount the lid part in the chuck. Cut the recess to fit the bottom to the lid. Hollow the lid. Sand and finish the inside of the lid.



Fit the bottom to the top. Bring up the tailstock to hold it there. Sand the join area to a good finish.

Tape the bottom part to the top and remove the tailstock. Cut the spigot off the bottom and finish shaping and sanding the bottom. Burn or paint the black flower remnants on the bottom of the apple. Take the bottom part off the top part and set it aside. If needed, loosen the fit of these two parts.

Make the apple stalk. Take a piece of dark wood and mount it in pin jaws. Cut it to shape and part it off. Sand the wide end to an angle.

Remount the lid in a big chuck, a jam chuck, or some other method. Cut the spigot and spare wood off the top. You may shape this to be the stalk or drill a small hole at the centre and glue in the apple stalk. Sand and finish this area. Assemble and apply colour if you choose.

