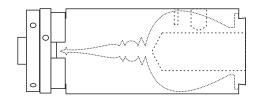
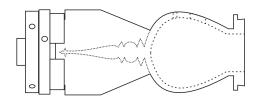


Bird Box Long Tail

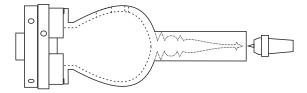
This Christmas Tree decoration can be made in hundreds of variations. This has a roundish body and long tail. For a shorter tail see the "Bird Box Short Tail" project. Start with two pieces of wood - usually contrasting colours. Use 45 x 45 x 100 for the box body and 45 x 45 x 70mm long for the top of the box. Make the body of the box first.



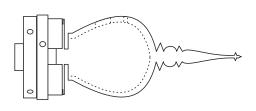
Mount the wood for the body of the box in a chuck. You may mount 45mm square wood directly into a 50mm chuck or cut a spigot for a smaller chuck. Round the wood. Cut a spigot on the tailstock end for later holding in a chuck while the finial is turned. Drill holes for the bird box entrance (8mm) and perch (2mm). Drill a 20mm hole down the centre of the wood to the hollow depth.



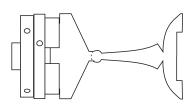
Cut most of the outside shape. At the open (tailstock) end, but inside the spigot, cut it square and to 25mm diameter for the top to fit on later. Leave enough thickness at the headstock end to support the work while it is hollowed. Hollow the body of the box - nothing fancy, just enough so that the entry hole looks good.



Turn the wood around and bring up the tailstock. Cut the wood between the body of the bird box and tailstock to about the diameter of the largest planned finial element.



Cut the finial starting at the very tip. Finish it bit-by-bit while maintaining full thickness for support at the inner portions. Sand and finish the body of the bird box. Part it off just beyond the 25mm wide area.



Mount the wood for the roof of the bird box in a chuck. You may mount 45mm square wood directly into a 50mm chuck or cut a spigot for a smaller chuck. Round the wood. Cut the end of this wood flat to create eaves that will extend beyond the body of the box.

Cut a cavity that will fit the end of the body of the box nicely. Then shape the outside down to almost the top of the roof. Sand and finish this cut area. Then part it off and hand sand the parting cut. Glue the two parts together. Cut a toothpick for the perch and glue it in.

