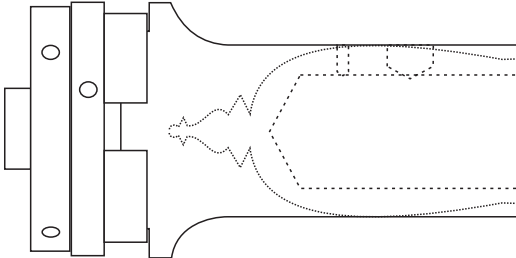
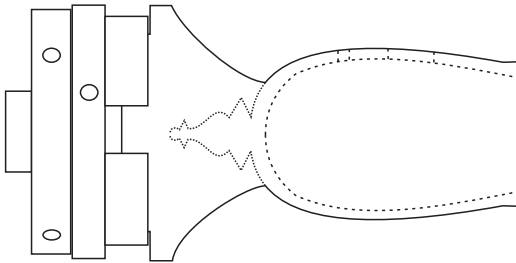


Bird Box Short Tail

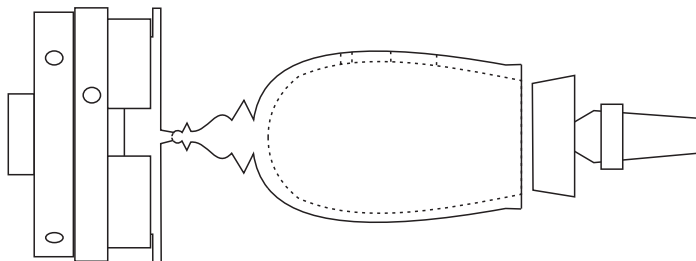
This Christmas Tree decoration can be made in hundreds of variations. This has a roundish body and short tail. For a longer tail see the "Bird Box Long Tail" project. Start with two pieces of wood 45 x 45 x 70mm long - usually contrasting colours.



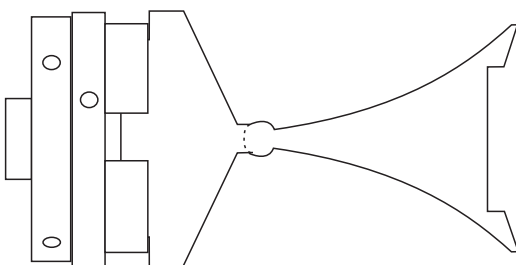
Make the body of the box first. Mount the wood for the body of the box in a chuck. You may mount 45mm square wood directly into a 50mm chuck or cut a spigot for a smaller chuck. Round the wood down to 30mm diameter. Drill holes for the bird box entrance (8mm) and perch (2mm). Drill a 20mm hole down the centre of the wood to the intended hollow depth.



Cut most of the outside shape. At the open (tailstock) end 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.



Continue to cut the shape of the body of the bird box. Before starting the final sand and finish the body. For easier cutting of the finial it can help to bring up a wide tailstock. Sand and finish the finial as the cutting progresses. Part off and hand finish the parting cut.



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 down to 40mm. Cut into the end of this wood to create eaves that will extend over 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.

