

TURING A STARTER POT MAKER

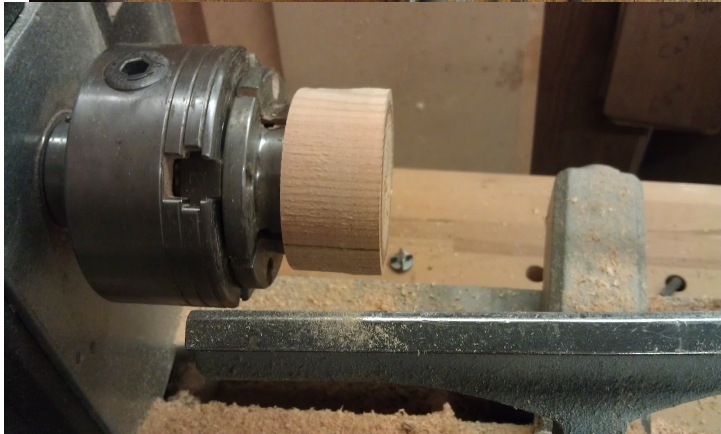
Gardening starter pots can be made from old newspaper.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMDLF14Ewq0> will show you how to use the pots

Here is how you make the tool.



Blank should be 3"x3" by 6 or 7". Turn round between centers with a roughing gouge. Turn chuck tenons on both ends. Mount in the chuck



Part off the bottom about 1.5" from the headstock end.



Mark a 1.25" diameter circle and make a plunge cut with a parting tool about 0.75" deep at the scribed circle. Mark another circle just over 2" in diameter. Plunge cut 0.75" and connect the two cuts with a spindle gouge, parting tool or small scraper. Flatten the bottom of the groove.



Shorten the outer wall so about 0.25" of the center tenon sticks out above the sidewall. Finish cuts and sand all these surfaces. Reverse and expand the chuck inside to hold the piece to finish the bottom. Part off the bottom tenon and sand. The bottom part of the pot maker is done.



Chuck the top and return to round. With 1.25" Forstner bit drill about 1.25" into top section. Reduce outer diameter until it fits into the groove in the bottom piece. If the center fits top tight, use sandpaper or a scraper to increase the diameter in the top part. Fit should be loose both inside the hole and around the outside. Space must be left for the paper.



Reduce the outer diameter to make a straight sidewall. This is where the paper will be wrapped to make the pot. The top can be rounded into a sphere or any other shape to form the handle.



Turn a jam chuck (or hold with small expansion jaws if you have them) to finish the top of the sphere or whatever shapes the top is going to be.



Go make some starter pots and be ready for the next garden season.