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This week's woodturning news

This week's STANDOUT



Simply a super segmented mini box.
A turning project that needed lots of preparation with the cutting, layout and gluing.
This little gem was made by **Stephen O'Connor**

PEPPERMILLS

Making a mill is a most rewarding turning activity. However, for a variety of reasons, some turners find the making process difficult.

If you have the right tools and a workable recipe for the process/recipe then difficulties are blown away and you will be making mills big time.

1. There many mill mechanisms available, some of which are of superior quality and others are merely el cheapo standard kits. Talk to an experienced turner to sort out what might be best to buy.
2. Boring and drilling a long hole with precise measurements can be a challenge.
3. There are excellent tools to help you achieve accuracy in drilling the various sized holes.
4. In today's TT I have compiled a paper of information outlining tool recommendations.

Read on then maybe go make a mill or two. Cheers **CLIVE**



Another **STEPHEN O'CONNOR** standout turning.

Woo Hoo! Stephen, we will be keen for you to lead a club challenge project with the segmented turning idea.

RAFFLE

Last week for buying tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday evening 8th April

ColtMaxi RotaStop – Peppermill BORING and DRILLING Kit

This tool is absolutely the best tool gizmo that I know of for making peppermills. Foolproof, failproof and fancy. I highly recommend it- **Clive**



I purchased my kit from **Craft Supplies** when on holiday in Hawaii. However I suggest you enquire first at **Timberly Woodturning**, (Terry Scott).

Cheers, **Clive**

Definitely one of the best tools in my toolbox.



MaxiCut Extenders.

Grub screws are not needed to link the extenders together. A unique inter-locking system is used.

The ColtMaxi RotaStop – Peppermill Boring Kit is ideal for boring / drilling out blanks on the lathe for salt and peppermills, and similar projects on the lathe. **This set features the RotaStop locking system**, the cutting edge on the ColtMaxi RotaStop forstner bit cuts precisely and without the fear of slippage.

This kit combines the necessary tools to bore a precise hole through the center of a pepper mill body right on the lathe. ColtMaxi RotaStop combines the advantages of a forstner bit with those of a boring bit, while the high performance RotaStop shank provides optimum torque.

In addition to the above, the MaxiCut Forstner bit has a unique head design, it is fast cutting with a good chip clearance and can be used on both end and cross grain applications, producing an extremely clean precise hole, this forstner bit unlike most others as a lower heat build-up and there is less need to keep withdrawing the forstner bit during the drilling process.

The ColtMaxi RotaStop – Peppermill Boring Kit consists of the following:

- 1 – 1/16” ColtMaxi RotaStop Forstner Bit
- 150 mm ColtMaxi RotaStop Extension
- ColtMaxi RotaStop Morse taper adaptor No 2 MT

The larger sized range of additional ColtMaxi RotaStop forstner bits that are available can also be used with this system and is ideal for the deeper hollowing out projects.

Note that the ColtMaxi RotaStop Morse taper adaptor is only available with a No 2 MT



(Left): MaxiCut forstner bits are available in several sizes. If you are using the Woodcut mill drill **(Right)** then ask for the **25mm size** as this is the size of the front guide of the Woodcut tool. (but it's handy to have the other sizes as well)



NOTE: I use this excellent Woodcut tool in conjunction with my ColtMaxi RotaStop.

Peppermills are a breeze. Clive



Application of our well-embedded philosophy (NEAGE) enabled **ALAN** to eliminate all signs of the dreaded *stria*. Goodonya Alan. A super finish to your Tassie blackwood candle holder.



Yayyyyyyy!

MALCOLM VAILE's lineup of woodie cups really WILL fit into the white challenge cup. The challenge has been well met.



HOWZAT for a great fruit bowl idea? **DAVE FREW's** patient, persistent approach results in a top turning.



Another mini turning project challenge idea well met. **WAYNE** opted for an acorn shape with a neat fitting lid. According to an 1823 Danish folk tale one of these fell on a chicken's head. Thus the story of Henny Penny and Chicken Licken was born.

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Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!

Saturday's WORKSHOP
Sorry, the workshop is
closed for Easter Weekend

Saturday sessions will resume on
10th April

(Can anyone remember what happened 53 years ago on 10th April 1968?)



Our **JOHN** found a bit more of his magic turning touch and produced this very special natural-edge bowl.

The design is very appealing and the finish is superb.



Once this was a huckery bit of old macro burr wood. **DAVID ROSE** gave it new life transforming it into a beautiful mini pot with lid. ...and yes it fits into the challenge cup.



WENDY WHITE has made super progress since joining the club. These quality items are testament to Wendy's well-learned turning skills.



COLIN McKenzie used purpleheart and white maire wood to create his mini bowl with its sloping edge. Have a chat with Colin and find out the process used. Top job..



DAVID COWLEY used *Wini* wood for his nifty little turning to meet the club challenge.



Holey Moley! **GARY** has been having fun again in his workshop. Here's a lineup of his quality turnings.



COLIN White's skillful work has produced mini turnings that have easily met the criteria set for the current club challenge.