

## Turning a Coffee Scoop by Ruth Niles

Ruth Niles explains her method of turning coffee scoops. She produces several sizes of scoops. The coffee scoop is made to hold 2 tablespoons or 1/8 cup.



The turning blank is now mounted on the lathe

Ruth glues up a block about 2" x 2" using yellow glue. The block is made of three pieces of wood; the top and bottom pieces are of one wood and the center section, which will become a raised ring, is of a contrasting wood. She mounts the block in a chuck and uses a skew to turn the block round.

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Roughing the blank to make it round



The wood on either side of the ring is tuned to a smaller diameter than the ring.

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The cup is refined.



Ruth then uses a 1/4 bowl gouge to hollow the scoop, boring at the center with the gouge then back hollowing. Ruth measured the capacity of the cavity carefully at first. After many scoops she trusts her eye to know the correct size.

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Ruth uses an electric drill to bore a 1/4" diameter hole through the ring or center band for a handle. Ruth used a shallow gouge as a scraper to clean up the inside and a skew to refine the outside shape, burnishing the outside with the bevel of the skew.



After parting off the piece with the skew Ruth uses a pin chuck or jam chuck to clean the bottom or just sands as required.

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Ruth turns the handle from a 7/8" square by 6" long blank. The handle is rounded with the skew and decorated with beads and grooves.



A 1/4" tenon is turned at the end of the handle and the handle is parted off and glued to the scoop.

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Detail is added to the handle.



The finished product.