

Kuksa / Coffee Cup Class



Traditional Kuksa are carved from burl caps using a carving hatchet and knives for the



outside, and a hook knife for hollowing. The form is a cup with a handle on the outside. The symmetric hollowed inside naturally challenges a woodturner to make one on a lathe, the primary problem being whether to attach a handle after turning the cup or to somehow design a handle using multi-

axis techniques.

I was inspired by watching Dale Larson turn a sphere, where he rough turns a sphere on center with two tenons, one off each side, and then rotates the axis, on cup chucks, turning away the tenons to make a sphere, when I realized that by leaving the tenons, and changing the shape of the tenons, I could make a kuksa, a sugar bowl, or even a teapot.

I've watched hundreds of demonstrations in the past 30+ years and often struggle with how I'll use the demonstrated techniques to add to or enhance my work. These projects are examples of "variations on a sphere". Most of the time we turners stick to one axis. I'm hoping you'll join me and move beyond single axis turning.

**November 17, 2024 Class at the Southwest School of Woodworking
9am to 4pm**

Class Tool List:

Bright light source

Sheet of black paper or foam to highlight the ghost images

Drive center, 1" stebcenter is my preference, but 4 pronged will do

Live center, I prefer a ring center, but a 60 degree cone will work

Ruler, imperial and metric as many measurements will be in mm.

Calipers

Divider

Thickness caliper (figure 8)

1/4" parting tool

Spindle and/or detail gouge, 1/2" preferred, 3/8" would suffice

1/2 or 5/8" swept back bowl gouge

Spear point negative rake scraper is helpful but not required

Round nose scraper and/or round nose negative rake scraper, prefer 3/4"-2" wide

Awl or punch

Depth drill, helpful but not require

Face shield

Sharpie

Diamond hone

Class sign-up on the AWA Website, Members Only, Classes