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The Newsletter of



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A surprising finish

Notes from our December meeting

Our chairman, Nick, takes a class at Southam tech, one thing he had spotted both there and with club members was how people did their finishes. True we all tend to concentrate on the actual turning but it is the finish which 'sells' the product.



Nick turning



samples after first sanding

Starting with sanding and sealing.

Nick used a roughing gouge to turn the sample to a fairly smooth finish. Then he used sanding material to go from 120 grit to 400 grit.

You can use actual sandpaper but Abranet last longer. This is a fabric backed sheet with holes allowing dust to escape. Club members use pads and various other special products to 'sand'.

The sealing stage should not be done too early. Wait until you have a really



smooth finish. The sealer will hold up the wood grain making a denser surface which will allow further sanding but do it too early and you will get streaks.

Which sealer to use? Nick suggests a cellulose base but there are others, although these dry more slowly.

Polishing stage and finishing



After polishing



Having got a satisfactory smooth surface you now need to polish or wax or apply other finishes to create that final look.

Start with 'Yorkshire grit' this is a cream but with grit in it. It's a 400 grit and there will be no dust due to the cream.

As you get to the final stages you can use a 'Hampshire sheen' product. They do a range of final finishes paste wax basis.

'Chestnut' also does a good final finish wax.

On small items or stem like items e.g. a candle stick the finish you apply can be any decent quality one. On bowls or similar large surfaces it's important to avoid friction polishes. Those where the heat spreads the finish. Unless great care is taken the 'wax' will streak, giving an uneven look.

Melamine lacquer comes in spray and it tends to settle out so there's a need to shake well. It is advisable not to spray onto the wood but onto a paper towel and then apply to the wood. It sets quickly so is not ideal for large surfaces, o.k. for small bowls though.



Danish oil and other oils and soft waxes are best applied in several layers to get an even look. Remember not all are food safe - important for fruit bowls. Also remember to throw away all cloths after use. These oils can and do self-ignite. Also some oils go rancid.



Various finishes with the sample trail pieces.

Forthcoming Meetings 2019

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

- 5th December *Demo and advice on finishing*
Sat 11th January *Christmas social*
6th February *Demonstration, Roy Nicholls*
5th March *AGM*

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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