



Woody's World

6th June 2024



Demonstration by Viv Harvey



We were treated to a wonderfully creative demonstration evening by Viv Harvey who visited us from West Northants Woodturners based in Weedon – a fun evening resulting in some really creative and beautiful pieces. Viv showed us how to produce a number of different pieces using

inexpensive construction red wood which he turned, burned and coloured. Inexpensive materials resulting in very sellable items thus producing a healthy margin. Plus some onions!



Viv started with 2 ¾" x 2 ¾" redwood and turned between centres until round also creating a spigot for mounting in the chuck. No sanding or sealing required as the piece are burned to finish. Once mounted in the chuck measure and mark 1/3 to 2/3 leaving some for parting off.



Mark the base and candle cup heights and then form the desired shape, you can add rings etc. Don't make the piece too thin around the neck as it will be burned. Drill hole for candle with Forstner bit. Remove the piece from the chuck, leave the shoulder on as it acts as a handle for burning, painting and varnishing.



Two bowls can be produced together in the same fashion as shown here.

These are now ready for burning with a blow torch – best to do outside and away from wood shavings, thinners and denatured alcohol.

Burn heavily to create texture and contrast – this is where you don't want to have gone too thin around the hole for the candle.

For a small pot, turn the inside after burning/painting so it ends clean.



Wire brushes of varying textures should be used. Use a good pressure and look to brush off the areas between the rays in the grain to bring out the contrast.



Other combos can be produced eg stubby pot/candle stick plus vase. When parting the pot, turn off below the spigot so it can be remounted. Drill the centre of the vase to fit a plastic test tube to contain water.



Inexpensive paints are available from B+M, Hobby Craft, The Works, The Range and Sostrene Grene...plus others. Best to use Acrylic or Poster Paints. Hobbycraft sell Shimmer paints as well.

Finish with varnish to seal. Paul recommends Alloy Wheel varnish from ebay – dries very quickly apparently.

Paint with a single colour or bleed 2, 3 or 4 together. No need to wet wood first.

Try 'dry brushing' where you spread the paint out thinly and then brush off leaving a thin variable layer which can then take a 2nd, 3rd layer etc in different colours.

You can also thin these paints with water & brushes also clean in water.

When using more than one colour, a design tip is to use the same colour on the opposite side ie 180° around, and vary the colours.

Paint under the rim of a bowl so, when dry, you can turn out the centre.



The finishing stages shown on a three-bowl combo below in order from Burn, through Brush to Colour. The contrast of the burning and colour bleeding illustrated really well in the bowls and vases. Great work Viv!



Viv's finale involved creating a great bunch of Onions. Strange but true. He used a small branch of Yew which provides a great colour for the finished onion as does Walnut.



The approach is similar to making an apple. Leave a little natural edge bark, apply sanding sealer, sand through the grits and then wax.

A hole needs to be drilled through the onion to take the raffia stalks.

Push a loop of string through the hole, put raffia through the loop and pull it back through the onion. Cut the raffia, rough it up and glue with CA.



Thanks for a great evening Viv and bringing us an insight in to your creative work. I'm sure members will be trying out your techniques and experimenting with colour...and onions.



Forthcoming Club Meetings

Reminder – next meeting on 11th July (not 4th) due to Election.

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

Date 2024/25	Topic	Demonstrator
11 th July	Woodpecker door knocker	Dave Simms
1 st Aug	Hands on: tbc / maybe Skew	
5 th Sept	Open evening	
3 rd Oct	tbc	
7 th Nov	Off centre turning	Nick Milton
5 th Dec	Sharpening	Dave Simms
2 nd Jan	Social tbc	
6 th Feb	tbc	
6 th March	AGM	

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