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Swanee Whistle (demo and hands on)

Jan bravely executed his first demo, a Swanee whistle.



He started with a square piece of timber approx. 30 x 30 and 200 long, held one end in the four jaw chuck and support by a revolving centre or live centre in the tail stock.

Quickly reducing the square down to round with a spindle roughing gouge to 19/20 mm.

He then used a 12mm dia brad point drill to 160mm long. The outside diameter was then taken down slightly and sanded.

The next step is to cut the whistle opening, using a small fine kerf bladed saw measure approx. 15mm from the open end mark and using the saw cut down at 90 degree through the body to clear the hole by 2-3mm, next make an angled cut to meet up with the fist cut. Try to keep these edges crisp as



this helps with the tone/pitch of the whistle.

Jan cut the whistle body to length, 160mm or 6inches long.

Jan used the cut off wood from the body to turn down the stopper gauging a tight fit in the drilled hole. Before parting off he used a wood chisel to take off a small flat on the diameter, this gives the air flow to the cut out in the body. Part off and glue into the body, ensure the flat lines up with the cut out, this gives the whistle is normal pitch.



Using another length of square timber turn down a parallel rod that is a sliding fit into the body of the whistle. A small round end can be made to embellish the handle end, sand and part off.

Inset the slide into the whistle and here you have the famous sliding Swanee whistle.

This being a hands on evening, the others were then offered the opportunity to have a go. Richard was the only one who took up the offer.



Drilling the hole



Richard's finished whistle

Forthcoming Attractions 2018

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

6th September Finish of Mick Smetts ball demo plus pen kit turning with Nick

4th October Inlay demo by Dave Simms

1st November

6th December

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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