

Beginners course/introduction:

£130 per day. Two days £260.

The First part of this practical course is spent learning basic spindle turning techniques & exercises, these will allow the beginner to develop basic skills. During the day lathes tools, sharpening finishing and methods of work holding are introduced and discussed.

As the course progresses priority is based upon hands on learning with demonstrations where needed, to allow the student to understand and learn the techniques safely at a comfortable pace.

Part two of the course is spent turning a simple bowl.

When booking a two day course all these techniques are looked at in much greater detail, with more time this allows the student to progress at their own pace, developing a better understanding of the techniques involved.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me

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Targeted courses:

All my targeted courses begin with a cup of coffee/tea to discuss the content of the course and the direction it will take, health and safety, sharpening and finishes are discussed as needed. The number of days is left to the individual. If you need advise about course length please ask.

Bowl Turning: £145:00 per day.

You will learn about timber choice, rough turning, various mounting methods on the lathe, the benefits of long grind verses traditional square grind bowl gouges, as well as how and when to use bowl finishing scrapers. The right finish for bowls, functional or decorative. Function and design will also be discussed. Instruction about safe methods of sanding which method is best or most effective.



Two or three days is recommended

Making Boxes: £145:00 per day.

(Introduction to end grain hollowing)

You will learn about box making and design, timber choice, work holding on the lathe, specialist tool choices and appropriate finishes, as well as end grain hollowing using a spindle gouge. When to use specialist box making tools. How to accurately and safely use jam chucking to finish the project.



One or two days is recommended.

Wooden fruit: £145:00 per day.

This course will teach you how to make apples pears plums and even lemons we will discuss timber selection, you will make your own small screw chuck, to allow the turning and finishing of each piece of fruit before adding the finishing touches. Hand coloured fruit can also be taught if requested in advance.



One or two days is recommended.

Simple spindles: £145:00.per day

Often the area most overlooked by those new to wood turning. This course will teach you the skills that will help you become a more complete woodturner, how to mount spindle work on the lathe, which centres to use and why. We will discuss paper joints/split turning, pummel cuts and the choice and use of Skew chisels in the workshop. I will show you how to copy turn, and the cheats that I use in my production workshop while constantly working on tool techniques and safe practice at all times.



Two days is recommended

Introduction to Pen Turning: £145:00 per day

This course will serve as an introduction to pen turning unravelling some of the mysteries that abound the subject. The student will gain a basic understanding of the process involved, timber and acrylic will both be used during the course, students will learn much of what they need to know to create unique writing instruments



One day is recommended.

Simple Carving & Colouring: £145:00 per day

This course concentrates upon design, developing good tool control while aiming to create perfect and contrasting finishes. We will also decorate using carving and colour to create a striking item while learning how to finish the item once decoration is complete.



One or two days is recommended.

Hollow forms/vessels:£145:00per day

A course that receives high demand year round, I will teach you how to choose process, store and mount timber on the lathe, as well as discussing rough turning techniques, how to deal with green part seasoned dry, soft and difficult timbers, tool choices, safe finishing methods, and how to select and apply the right finish for the project in hand.



Two/three days is recommended.

Natural edges & Thin Wall Turning.£145:00 per day

This course is dependant upon timber availability.

This course will give a good grounding in timber selection and mounting of wood on the lathe to allow both cross grain and end grain Natural edge work to be carried out it will demonstrate grain alignment and how to get the best from the timber to create a balanced natural edge. Tooling choice and safety is a key part of this course.



Two days is recommended.

Advanced Decorating Colouring and Turning courses **£175:00.**

From time to time I am asked to teach decorative techniques that include colouring and texturing as well as turning, this is a course with no boundaries if you want to delve deeper into this area of turning please contact me to discuss your needs.

Students choosing this option often opt for five days combining advanced decorative techniques with targeted days.

Take a look at my Gallery or my book Contemporary Turning Techniques and Projects for ideas, or let me help develop ideas you already have.

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