

# Teknatool Woodturning Projects



## Project # 2 Chopsticks & Rice Bowl

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I saw some exquisitely turned Chopsticks whilst on holiday in Hawaii and thought - I can make those! This project is easy but so effective. Match with the Rice Bowl for a complete table setting! Enjoy making and then using! Trevor

### Materials Required

#### Chopsticks

Size:

250 - 280mm long x 10 -15mm  
square

Type:

Any close grained, **non toxic** timber

#### Rice Bowl

Size: Ø 110 to 125mm x 50 to  
60mm thick

Type: Any **non toxic** timber!

### Tools Required

- Gouge
- Skew Chisel
- Nova or SuperNova Chuck, with standard 50mm jaws and either 25mm or Pin Accessory Jaws
- Parting tool or small square ended scraper

## Job Sequence Chopsticks

Mount Block in 25mm or Pin Accessory Jaws (for the Nova or Super-Nova) use the lightest tailstock pressure possible. Start by turning a cylinder then slowly taper. I tend to work from Tailstock end back to the headstock. Make sure the diameter ( $\emptyset$ ) of the small end is established as you work back towards the thicker end. Sharp tools and light cuts are needed as the  $\emptyset$  is reduced. Diameter at the small end is approx 3mm and at the stock end the  $\emptyset$  is approx 9mm

## Job Sequence Rice Bowl

Mount Bowl on the Chuck Woodworm Screw. Shape outside of bowl, form foot with parting tool or scraper to fit Chuck std 50mm jaws. When satisfied with the shape, sand smooth. Reverse the bowl and grip the foot by contracting the std jaws on the formed foot/spigot and hollow out the bowl. When satisfied with the interior shape and wall thickness, sand smooth

## Finishing

### Chopsticks

Sand very smooth to 400 grit and use any non tainting oil. Cut to length and finish end by hand.

### Rice Bowl

Any non tainting oil is excellent. This type of oil finish will need to be re-applied each time bowl is cleaned after use.



#### Handy Hint!

Cut some notches into the lip of the rice bowl to act as a Chopstick Rest while not in use. Simply cut in notches, shape to a pleasing design and sand smooth. Rest Chopsticks in the lip notch.

## Variations

### Chopsticks

Any changes in the  $\emptyset$  and length must keep the sticks balanced in use. The thick end can be laminated with different timbers to good effect.

### Rice Bowl

Apart from the size, keep the bowl shape simple and open. Look at the designs of ceramic rice bowls for inspiration. Decorations, such as inlays can be added - even to match your chopsticks.

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