

## Turning Cutlery

### Supplies Needed

- Drill Bit
- Blank
- Chuck
- Scrap Wood
- Glue (Thick CA or Epoxy)
- Sandpaper/Finish
- Drill or Drill Press
- Revolving Center
- Eye and Ear Protection

### Drill the Handle Blank

1. Select a piece of hardwood 1/4" larger and 3/4" longer than the finished handle design.
2. Measure the tang of the cutlery you will be making and drill a test hole in a scrap of wood. Test the tang of the cutlery in the drilled hole. It should fit snugly.

### Make a Drive Spigot

1. Mount a scrap piece of hardwood 2" dia. x 2 1/2" long to a faceplate or chuck.
2. Turn a 3/4" long spigot that will fit snugly into the drilled hole of the handle blank. Leave a shoulder on the spigot for the blank to seat against. (See Figure 1)

### Turn the Handle

1. Push the drilled handle blank onto the spigot tenon. The fit should be snug. Center the other end of the handle blank onto a revolving center. (See Figure 1)2. Rough turn the blank to round using a roughing gouge or spindle gouge.
2. Using a skew chisel laying flat on its side, square the drilled end of the handle using the long point of the tool.
3. Turn the handle to your desired shape leaving 1/2" of waste on the tailstock end.
4. Sand and finish the blank.
5. Trim off the 1/2" waste piece on the lathe or on a bandsaw. Sand and finish the end.

### Assembly

1. Align the cutlery with the grain of the turned handle for the best appearance.
2. Glue the blade in place with gap filling super glue or epoxy.

Figure 1

