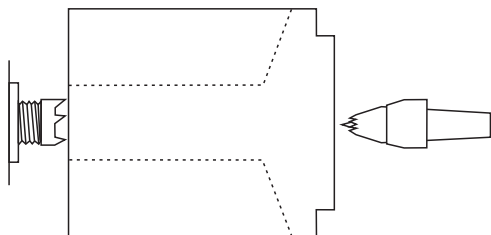


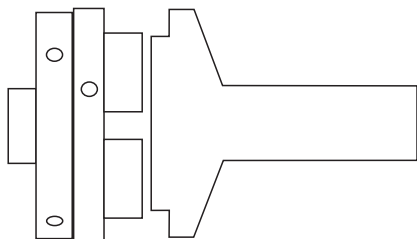
Tulip

This is a wooden tulip for you to make and gift to Parkinson's disease organisations who will sell them as a fundraiser.

THE MANDREL. Make a mandrel to hold the tulip block on the lathe for turning. Start with a block of wood 70mm long and 60mm square.

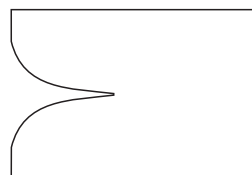


Mount this wood between centres. Turn it to round and then turn a spigot for a 50mm chuck on one end.



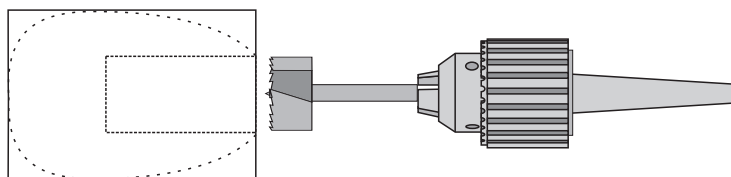
Mount this wood in a chuck. Turn the mandrel to 20mm diameter and make it that width for at least 40mm from the tailstock end. A little more length will give you a bit of space when turning the tulip.

THE TEMPLATE. Get a bit of firm thin plastic 45 x 65mm to make a template for marking the curves for bandsaw or jigsaw cutting of the flower petal shapes.



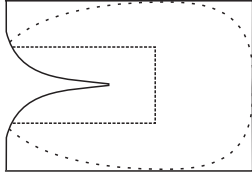
FLOWER STEMS. Get supply of wooden skewers or slim green pot plant stakes 250 to 300mm long so that you know the size of the hole to drill in the flower.

THE WOOD. Get wood as 45 x 45 x 65 mm blocks. Mark the centre on both ends.

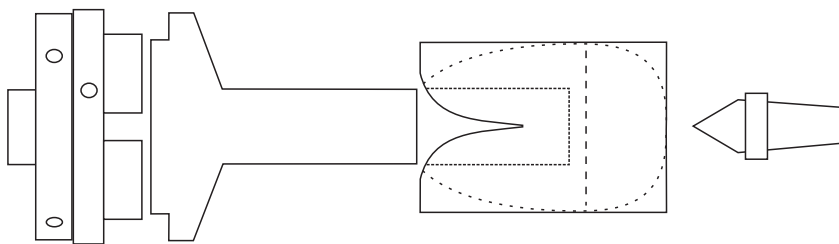


Drill a 20mm hole 40mm into one end of the block of wood.

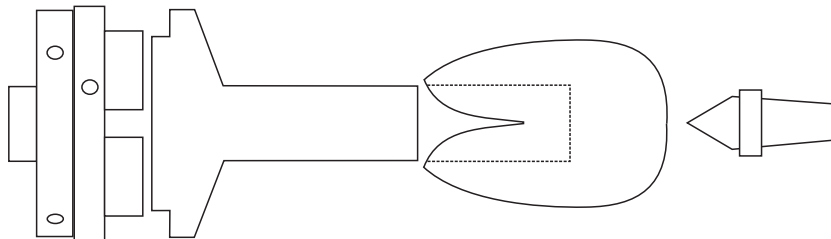
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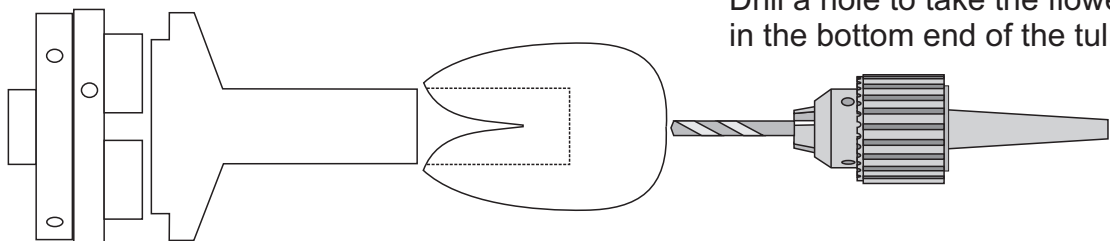
Draw the intended bandsaw cut line on two adjoining faces of the wood. Then bandsaw to those lines to create four "petals".



Mount the wood on the mandrel and bring up the tailstock to hold it in place. Turn the wood to round. Run a pencil mark round the wood at about one third of its length from the tailstock end. This should remain as the broadest part of the flower.



Turn the outside shape of the tulip. Sand all surfaces to a paintable finish.



Drill a hole to take the flower stem in the bottom end of the tulip.

PAINTING. Mount the wood on a temporary stem for painting. Apply a bright red paint to all surfaces. A spray can is easiest for the outside and a brush is needed inside the petals.

When the paint is dry swap the temporary stem for a permanent glued in stem.