

# Rick Urban Woodturner

Changing the way you think about wood... one piece at a time.

Remote Real Time Demonstration

## Log To Bowl.

### Overview

Primary Audience: Beginner (with some thoughts of valuable to more experienced turners as well)

Time: 1.5 to 2 hours

Prerequisites: None.

Turning that first bowl can be a mesmerizing experience that unexpectedly captures a person's interest for a lifetime. This demo presents essential concepts that set the stage for more rapid and satisfying growth as a bowl turner.



First, I will show you how to carve up a chunk of log to make the most of it and reduce the risk of cracks. You will see where the bowl blanks are in the log and what parts to save for the fireplace. You will also better understand figure resulting from grain orientation as well as some important differences between heartwood and sapwood.

Next I will show you some different ways to safely mount the blank on your lathe and give you my *Tripple S* plan for safety.

Tool choice is next. Choices, sharpening, and use are important stepping stones to that next masterpiece, and my *ABC's of Tool Presentation* make it easier to form safe and effective habits of tool use.

I will rough turn both the outside and inside of a greenwood bowl ready for drying.

Time permitting, I will show you my preferred method for drying, and discuss wood movement with emphasis on reducing the disappointment from cracks.

If additional time is available you will choose to explore related topic. For example: shapes and forms, bowl orientation with respect to growth rings and the resulting figure, natural edge bowls, avoiding overly thick walls in the transition area, or tearout – causes and fixes.

As always, answering questions will be a priority and provide a guide for delivering the greatest value.

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