

# **Rick Urban Woodturner**

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

Real Time Interactive Remote Demonstration

## **Surface Texture (abbreviated) with Wood Burners.**

Companion Guide

Primary Audience: Beginner to Advanced

Time: About 1 hour

Prerequisites: None.

### **Objective.**

The objective of this demo is to add texture to objects with wood burning and branding.

### **Preparation.**

The form to be used should be finished and ready for texture.



### **Introduction.**

To illustrate my process using wood burning to texture a carved. I will illustrate a number of patterns, and select one of them to apply to the form.

### **Tools.**

**Burners.** There are lots of wood burners to choose from. I have several.

- Single low power.
- Double more powerful.
- Battery charger.

**Tips.** Just a few of the many choices will let you do most of what you want.

- Purchased (can get expensive).
- Home made (not difficult).

### **Shapes.**

- Skew.
- Spatula.
- Ball.
- Etc., etc. etc.

### **Miscellaneous.**

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- Brass brush
- Honing stone (diamond recommended 600 grit or finer)
- Fan (blowing alway from the work)
- Something to cradle the work.

### Process.

- Start with a good form. **No amount of carving will make up for bad form!**
- And a good design. **No amount of texture will make up for bad design!**
- Tips with edges should be kept sharp.
- Brush off carbon buildup. It acts as insulation.
- Pulling toward you affords better control. Think of a knife slicing a tomato. It doesn't cut by scraping sideways.
- Heat the tip to a dull red glow. Use as much heat as you can keep up with. We don't want flames.
- Alcohol or acetone can cleanup much of the residues.

### Sample Patterns

Bubble Up \*  
Brittle Star (branding)  
Stippled \*  
Fish Scales  
Spirals (branding)  
Laminar Flow \*  
Knotty Flow  
Staccato Flow \*  
Mud Cracks / Ice Flow  
Troweled Mortar \*

\*easy

Most patterns look better if made random which has to be learned. We tend to line things up, and when we don't do it perfectly it shows.

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