

# Teknatool Woodturning Projects



## Project # 1 Christmas Tree Ornaments

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Inspired by Tamarillos (a bright red NZ fruit) hanging ripe and ready for picking at Christmas and by my daughter telling me it is traditional to give tree gifts at Christmas! Enjoy! *Trevor Cole*

### Tools Required

- Skew Chisel
- Gouge
- Parting Tool
- Nova Chuck with 25mm or
- Pin Jaw Accessory Set
- Small round nose scraper

### Materials Required

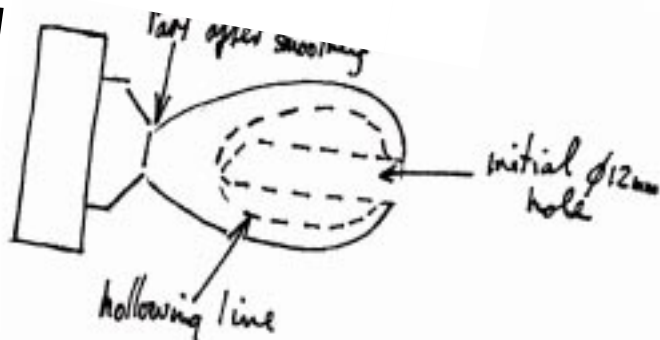
**Body:** 75 to 100mm long x 30 to 50mm square

**Stem:** 100 x 20mm square

**Type:** Any scraps, plain or figured are suitable

### Job Sequence

Body: Start with the block held in standard Nova Chuck Jaws and turn a cylinder. Bore  $\varnothing$  12mm hole approx 40-50mm deep. Use small round nose scraper to hollow inside to make body light and delicate. Shape exterior with a skew chisel. Sand smooth and part off. Finish Point by hand.



**Handy Idea!**  
More advanced turners can experiment with inlays to achieve a colourful and custom decoration!

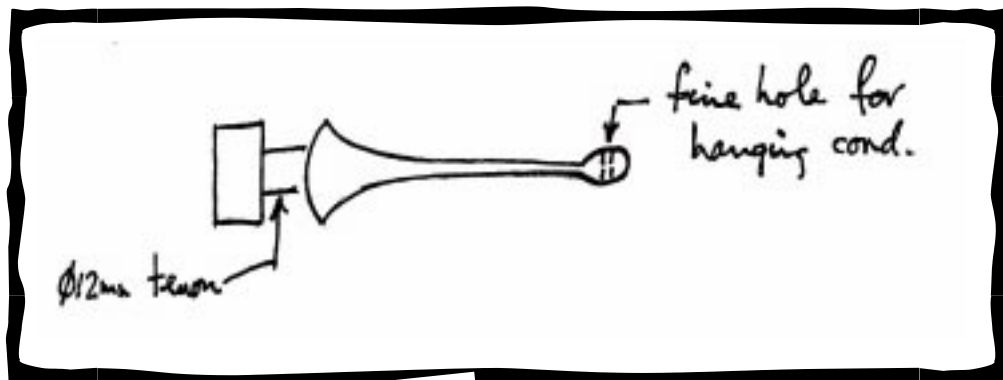
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**Stem:** Mount timber for stem in 25mm or Pin jaws. Shape as shown in sketch (or any design variation that pleases you) Make tenon to fit  $\varnothing$  12mm hole in body. Sand off smooth and part off.

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## Finish

It is easier to polish parts while still on the lathe. Use shellac, varnish, carnuba wax or a friction polish. Glue stem to body, drill fine hole in the top of the stem for hanging cord.

## Variations

Many variations are possible, limited only by your imagination! Here are a few suggestions:

- Shape - Alter this to round, teardrop, pearshaped ....
- Size - Diameter and length
- Timbers - Mix and match ....
- Finish - Paint, Stain, Inlays,



### Handy Idea!

Make a different type of decoration every year and give them to your family to 'collect' - what a great family Christmas Tradition!



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