

Beall Buffing System Storage

Several years ago when I saw turned item finished with the Beall Buffing System® I thought the finish was very impressive, so I ordered it. When it arrived, I assembled the buffing wheels on the mandrel and was ready to give it a try. After using it I puzzled for an appropriate way to store it so it would not collect dust in the workshop. The solution was an old (cleaned out) 5 gallon plastic paint bucket with a lid. The only hitch being it was too tall to put the lid on the bucket. I cut a hole in the center of the plastic lid just large enough for the MT2 to protrude. A small plastic bottle fit over it perfectly keeping dust out and the MT2 end rust free. A scrap piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " pine was cut to fit the bottom with a hole drilled in the center allowing the threaded end to fit. I inserted a flat washer in a recessed hole on the bottom side of the round pine base so the mandrel would not make a hole in the bottom of the bucket. With the lid snapped closed the buffing wheels are protected from dust and the system sits on the floor behind my drill press handy to the lathe. This also makes for easy transportation when traveling for a demonstration.

In time I bought a second lathe, primarily for remote demonstrations, and now the Beall Buffing System remains on this mini lathe most of the time. This make it very convenient to buff projects without having to install the system on the lathe used for turning.

