

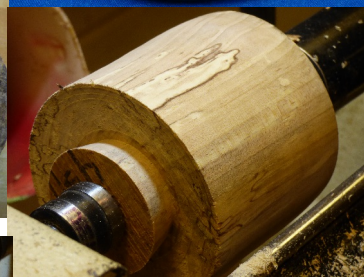
Creating a Ring Holder By Dr. John Dekle

These are the steps I used to create a Ring Holder from a single piece of wood 3½-4" wide and 4-5" long. Give a little thought to the shape you want to create and select the wood. Another option, making it from two pieces, the spike being separate from the bowl follows.



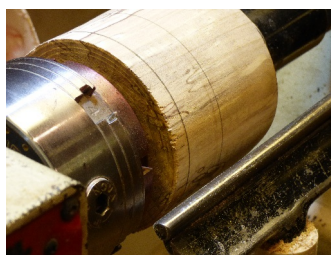
Step 1

Mark the center of your wood both sides so you can round it between centers (I used a ¾" roughing gouge) and cut a tenon on one end to fit a 4 jaw chuck (I used a skew).



Step 2

Chuck it and be sure it is round and mark your dimensions for the bottom and top of bowl. With a parting tool I established the bottom and with a bowl gouge I began to shape the bottom of the bowl giving it a little ogee shape.



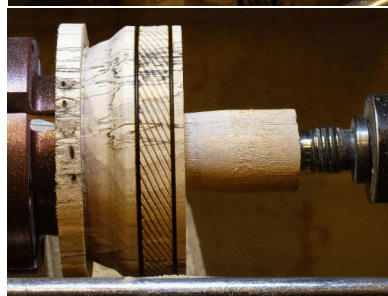
Step 3

I textured the side of the bowl and outlined it with a point tool then used a burn wire to frame the texturing. This is purely optional, you could also decorate in some other way or not at all.



Step 4

Most of the wood around the spike was hogged out. Use a tool of your choice. I did a peeling cut with a skew to get rid of most of the wood.



Step 5

This would be one of the more challenging steps to create the bowl for the holder. I found the small round Easy Wood Tool handy but any other round cutter would work. You could use a scraper or bowl gouge, just be careful a wing does not catch. Once the bowl was finished I focused on shaping the spike with a detail gouge. I left a wider spot near the bottom of the spike and put 3 decorative burn rings on it.



Step 6

With a parting tool I began the cut off so some of that could be sanded while on the lathe. The whole project was sanded to 2000 grit (but you can sand as you see fit). This will hold jewelry so I wanted a good smooth finish on it. This holder was finished with OB Shine Juice (from Capt. Eddie Castel, each Denatured Alcohol, Boiled Linseed Oil and Clear Shellac).



Step 7

The project was parted nearly off the lathe then cut with a saw.

Step 8

The bottom was finished by sanding with a disk sander on the drill press although the same could be done on the lathe. Finish was applied to the bottom then the whole ring holder was buffed. Finally the bottom was signed, numbered and inscribed with the type of wood.



Project finished

(Made from spalted Ash)

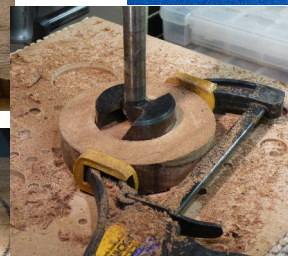


2 piece Ring Holder (By Dr. John Dekle)

Base is Monkey Pod 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide & " high
Spike is resin 1" at base & 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high

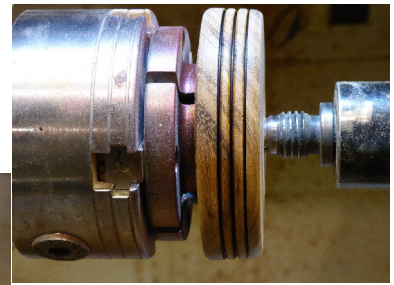
Step 1

Select wood, draw pattern to cut out the base on a Band Saw. Then drill a hole on the bottom side with a Forstner bit (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " used here) for holding in the expansion mode with a 4 jaw chuck. Turn round (I used a roughing gouge).



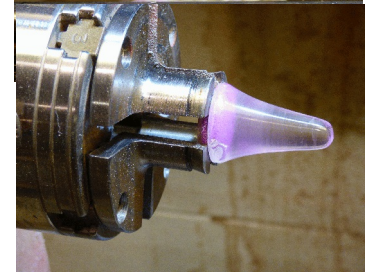
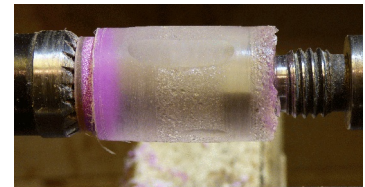
Step 2

After turning round the side can be decorated to enhance it. On this base 3 burn lines were added. Slightly round the edges so there are no sharp edges. This portion was sanded to 2000 grit.



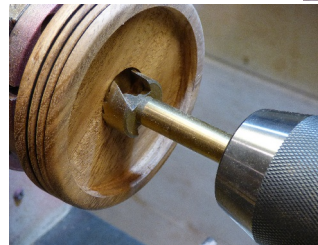
Step 3

Using a large Forstner bit the bowl portion was drilled out about 1/4" deep. A skew was used to enlarge the hole making the rim of the bowl a bit smaller and refining the inside bottom. Keep the sides straight (90). Remove chuck from lathe, not the base from the chuck. The mortise can be cut now or at step 5.



Step 4

Turn the spike with a tenon to fit into a hole to be drilled in the inside bottom of the base. Using that tenon (around 3/4") chuck the spike and turn it to a finished shape. If you do not have a small enough 4 jaw chuck you could make a jam chuck it would snugly into. The tail stock could support the spike until the final point is turned. Sand and finish the spike.



Step 5

Replace the chuck and the base to the lathe. Cut a mortise to fit the spike tenon. I cut the tenon first making it the size of a Forstner bit.



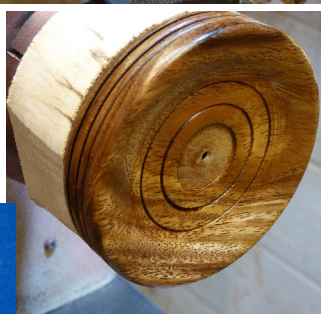
Step 6

Sand the inside of the bowl and apply finish to the entire project.



Step 7

Remove from the chuck. Make a jam chuck to fit top of the bowl into and finish the bottom. Apply decorations as desired and buff the bowl inside & out. Sign the base.



Step 8

Glue the spike into the bowl and the holder is finished.

