

BWA February Drop-In Session – Texturing.

Charlie Hayes Texturing Teach In

Rather than demonstrate as “demonstrations of texturing can be like watching paint dry”, Charlie showed some of the finished pieces and explained how they were done and where he drew his inspiration from.

Charlie also showed off the mount he uses to hold the pieces he is texturing and the simple but effective stand to hold his Axminster Flexishaft motor drive.



The mount allows the piece to remain in the chuck used for turning so it can be returned to the lathe for any further work.

Using the stand keeps the drive unit in an elevated position which makes using the hand piece much easier and more comfortable. (Note Axminster no longer sell their own flexishaft drive but now sell the equivalent WeCheer Flexishaft drive)

1. Charlie described how to carry out piercing to produce a network of holes using a piercing cutter on a lidded bowl. This included some colouring with black Acrylic paint. Charlie's inspiration came from Mick Hanbury 's Satellite Bowl DVD.
2. Charlie followed this with the description of piercing a series of worms on bowls and also on a lidded goblet. Carbide Cutters are available from www.woodart-products.co.uk both in piercing and shaped form. Dremel and others also market these types of cutter. Again a Mick Hanbury DVD - Making & Decorating Boxes (in BWA library) was Charlie's inspiration.
3. Charlie then showed a pot which was decorated externally with the large Sorby spiralling cutter tool and then filled with black car body filler. This was then sanded back to reveal a pattern of black infill. Bearing in mind this was a few years ago more colourful fillers are now available for use.
4. Charlie then showed a bowl he had textured based on the Diamond Rimmed Bowl shown in Nick Arnall's book Contemporary Woodturning - Techniques and Projects (also in BWA library). The texture was produced using a ball cutter in a Dremel type device.
5. Decorating Elf by Henry Taylor Tools – Charlie pointed us to the Henry Taylor website where it was possible to see a demonstration by Nick Agar on how to use the tool employing all 3 types of profile cutters.