

# Turning and Detailing Platter Bases

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## Introduction

Turning platters offers an excellent opportunity to express yourself creatively and to use an infinite variety of designs and surface treatments. I have found that designing and detailing the bases on my platters is as enjoyable as detailing the front of the platters. There are four types of bases that I turn: 1) a round base, 2) a three footed base, 3) a multi-axis base, and 4) a three footed multi-axis base. There are a multitude of variations of each of these bases. The following are the steps that I use to create and detail each of these bases. I use pyramid, spiraling, knurling and texturing tools to enhance the platters, both front and back. The platter bases shown are examples of the four types of bases that I turn and will be described in this handout.



Rounded base



Three footed base



Multi-axis base



Three footed multi-axis base

### NOTE:

*There are a number of steps that are common to turning any of the four type of bases featured in this handout. In order to limit the number of pages of this handout, these steps will not be repeated once I have described them. I will begin with the round base followed by the three footed base, then the multi-axis base and finally the multi-axis three footed base.*