

# Turning a Three Pointed Bowl

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## Introduction

I like many turners have turned a number of bowls over the years and have looked for ways to enhance my bowls. I had the opportunity to see Mark St. Leger demonstrate his small rocking boxes which served as an inspiration for turning a three pointed bowl.

The three pointed bowls are fun to turn and can be modified as Ikebana's and candleholder's as well. I have found that the bowls provide a great pallet for unleashing your creative designs. I typically make these bowls from 4x4 cubes of kiln dried lumber.

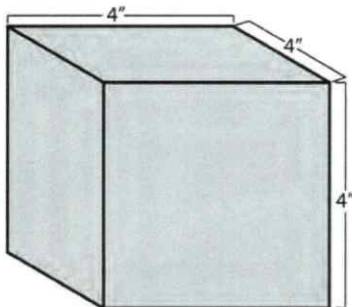
This instructional handout will focus on the basics of turning a three pointed bowl from 4x4 stock. Once you are comfortable with the basics, you can easily move onto other variations. I continue to find new enhancements and variations in design.

## Wood Selection

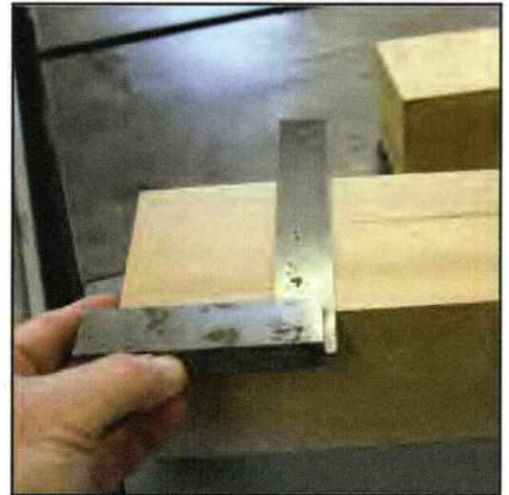
You can use a variety of wood for turning the three pointed bowls, including maple, walnut, sapele and cherry. The wood I use is a perfect 4x4 cube. The dimensions need to form a perfect cube to ensure that the three points are aligned in the finished product. I use kiln dried wood with no cracks. I prefer to use hard woods with tight grain but you can use softer wood if you prefer.

## Wood Preparation

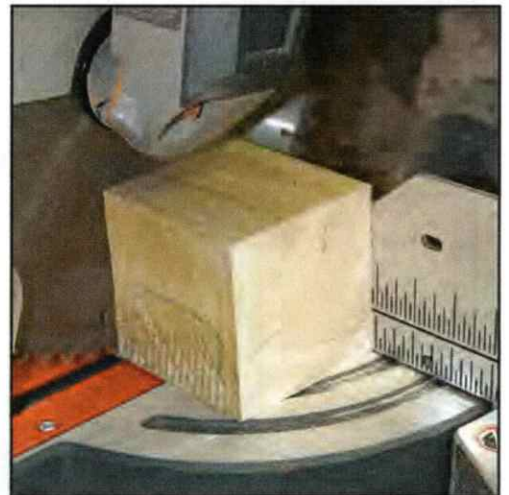
I recommend cutting perfect cubes between 3 1/2" - 4". You can use both smaller and larger cubes if you prefer but note that adjustments will need to be made in selection of chuck jaws and mounting. Preparation of a perfect cube is very important to ensure that the points of your finished bowl are uniform.



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