

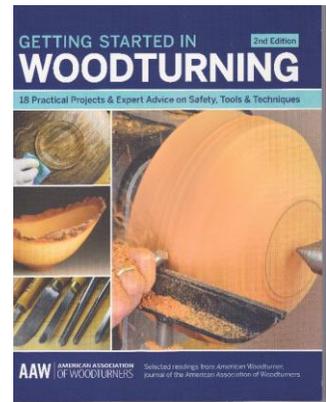
Nuggets of Knowledge for Novices

The Inland Northwest Woodturners' website is filled with more references and nuggets for beginners, intermediate, advanced and undecided woodturners. Much of it is available without a membership, but even more benefits to membership include access to password-protected documents.

The ideas on this list are the bare **minimum** that a brand new woodturner-to-be will need to consider in weighing the expense and time commitment of the hobby. Buying a lathe is like getting a free puppy at the pet shop: the real investment comes next. Happily, many items do double duty in a well-outfitted wood shop, or are even available used. For sources, see the "Links" page on the website.

Training

- Join your local club; woodturners are known for their unselfish sharing of information and skill
- Get a book; there are many, but this one from AAW is an excellent peer-reviewed starter volume
- Watch a reputable turner/instructor on line: start here with the "Seven Fundamental Principles" by Stuart Batty <https://vimeo.com/137484615>
- Take a workshop; they are offered on Zoom and on location, from a few hours to a few weeks. Your knowledge will grow by orders of magnitude and you will avoid a lot of beginner mistakes. Be aware that if the class is associated with a store, they will encourage you to buy more tools, and indeed, what could be more fun? However, it may not be necessary, for you, right now.
- YouTube is the last option here. Many fine demonstrations can be found there, as well as many dangerous ones. Until you have spent quality time with the above training options, you may not recognize the difference, so caution is advised.



Safety

- Protect your eyes, face, head, lungs, ears and back. No exceptions. See the book above for specifics
- Container for the flammable rags & papers in your shop
- First Aid kit

Tools

- Lathe (check out the INW Lend-a-Lathe program)
- Headstock drive: several options include faceplate, steb center, chuck, worm screw
- Tailstock live center
- High speed steel (HSS) tools: Bowl gouge, spindle gouge, parting tool*
- Center finder
- Shop vacuum
- Air cleaner
- Task light

- Grinder, 1725 RPM: with stone or CBN wheels*
- Grinding jig system* (Wolverine One Way or equivalent)

Supplies

- Paper towels (Viva is the most cloth-like)
- Sandpaper (Klingspor cloth-backed or equivalent): 80, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400
- Shellac sanding sealer, wax-free
- Denatured alcohol
- Notebook
- Antifatigue floor mat
- Dust pan

*Not needed if you purchase carbide tools

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