

Wooden Pendants - Turning Procedures

(This procedure assumes you are using an eccentric chuck with a 2" channel)

1. Prepare a square piece of decorative wood 2 1/4" sq. x 1/4" thick. Both faces should be smooth and parallel. Find the center of both faces. Clip the corners on your band saw.
2. Use turner's tape to mount the square on a 1 1/2" glue block.
3. Turn the blank to 2" in diameter. Reduce the thickness to 1/8". Turn a slope from the center to the edge of the disc. This is the back of the pendant. Lightly sand the face. Draw a center line across the face. Remove the disc from the glue block. Flip the pendant and repeat the procedure.
4. Mount the eccentric chuck. Mark the turning point on the front face of the disc. Position the disc in the channel with the marked point at turning center. Fix the stop on the eccentric chuck. Use turners tape to hold the disc. Mount a jacobs chuck in your tail stock and bore a 1/4" hole through the off set point. Use very light cuts to taper the face around the hole. Open the hole to give a lighter look to your pendant. Lightly sand the face. Again, mark the center line. Flip the disc and repeat. The stop and center line will give a perfect alignment to finish this face.
5. Remove the pendant from the eccentric chuck, sand, buff, and apply a finish.

Resources:

Leather lace:

http://www.leathercordusa.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=LCU&Product_Code=0201-1PT5MM&Category_Code=

Silver bail:

<http://www.rainbowbeadsonline.com/rainbow/beads.nsf/other-products?openform&key=551&desc=Silver%20Bail>

Michaels Art Store has a limited selection of lace, bails and end caps.

Ornamental discs: John Calver



Rosewood pendant finished with leather cord necklace and silver bail



Rosewood pendant with ornamental copper disc inserted and finished with a leather cord necklace with knotted end