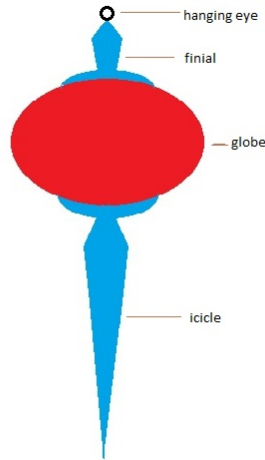


Christmas Ornaments

Any woods can be used for ornaments, as long as they are dry.

The parts of an ornament are shown below.



Sources for sea urchins and shells

Online; <http://www.seashellworld.com/sea-urchins.html>

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/> ----craftsupplies woodturners catalog.

Locally; I have purchased from

Surf –N-Turf , shells and plants,

161 main street, Lakeville, MA 02347

Pam Levine 508-947-7964 email: surfturf@shellcraft.net. Web page WWW.shellcraft.net

For examples of turned ornaments. Check out woodcentral.com ornament page.

<http://www.woodcentral.com/newforum/ornaments/>

Outline to make a Shell Ornament.

1. Cut a piece of dry hard wood to 1x 1 or 1-1/4 x 1-1/4 square by 8 to 10" long.
2. Mark the center of both ends. And chuck on lathe using tail stock to marked center for support.
3. Turn the piece into a rough cylinder. Drill one end with a 1/8" drill to a depth of 1-3/4". Drill the other end to a depth of 3/8".
4. On the end, drilled to 3/8' turn the finial. Sand each feature as you go. Going back may cause breakage.
5. Part off the finial.
6. Start turning the icicle from the tip working each section separately. Again sanding as you go. Part off the icicle.
7. Glue in a bamboo skewer into the finial. Mount in chuck and drill finial with #56 drill.
8. Cut skewer to length using shell as guide.
9. Fit icicle to shell. Cut fish hook to length and glue into finial.

Finish on ornament

Friction finish can be used on ornaments, if turning delicate finials and icicles, apply finish as you finish each section.

I prefer to dip the finials and icicles before assembly on the shell, and before drilling the hole for the fish hook. I use a 50/50 mix of lacquer and lacquer thinner. Let dry overnight before assembly.

Reference information

MSSW Library

9 Book Ornaments and Eggs, Dick Sing

98 Book Christmas Ornaments and Eggs, Rex & Kip

#16 DVD Christmas Ornaments, Bob Rosand

#98 DVD Christmas Ornaments, Rex & Kip

Web Sites

1. Bob Rosand: <http://www.rrosand.com>
2. <http://www.learningturning.com>













