

Making a Magic Wand

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Make the handle by mounting a 1 1/2" x 7" piece of hardwood between centers. Turn a tenon on one end, if you have small jaws or just chuck the square blank in the chuck.



Turn the handle blank to a cylinder. Create a small divot on the tailstock end and mount a 3/8" drill in a Jacobs chuck and drill a hole 1 1/2" deep



Turn an interesting profile for the handle using beads and coves, sized appropriately for the user's hand. Sand and then part off



Mount a 3/4" x 3/4" x 12"-15" piece of contrasting hardwood between centers or in a chuck.



Turn to a cylinder and mark for the tenon, slightly shorter than the drill depth. This tenon will fit into the hole drilled in the handle..



Taper the wand from the handle tenon to the tailstock end adding a few decorative beads, etc. at the base. Leave the tailstock end about 5/16" and rounded, or even turn a bead for child safety. Sand the wand



Create a 1 1/4" x 3/8" tenon on the headstock end with a parting tool and part off. I use a 3/8" wrench to check the size the tenon



Glue the tenon into the hole in the handle and finish.

