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"The Fine Art of Woodturning"

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Banksia Pod Mushroom Box Step By Step

- 1 Prepare the blank. Cut the ends off of a Banksia Pod, turn the stem portion down past the fur layer, turn chucking point on each end.
- 2 Saturate the natural edge and large diameter of stem with CA, leave overnight.
- 3 Mushroom cap in the chuck. Part off stem portion. Shape and sand inside of lid. Cut a recess for the stem.
- 4 Mushroom stem in chuck. Cut a tenon to jam fit the cap onto.
- 5 Option to jam fit the cap onto a waste block.
- 6 Finish top of Mushroom cap.
- 7 Finish the tenon on the stem to fit the cap.
- 8 Shape, sand, and hollow the Mushroom stem.
- 9 Put a waste block in the chuck and jam fit the top of the stem into a recess.
- 10 Shape and sand the bottom of the stem.
- 11 Finish the Mushroom Box as desired.
- 12 Sign your work, You're done!

Many other designs are possible using these techniques. If we all share, we all grow. Feel free to copy, but let that be a stepping stone to creating your own work!

Please turn responsibly! Always use eye and lung protection! Have fun!