This book was created to answer the question, "What do I do first?" These are usually the first words spoken by a segmented turner when he starts his first project. It starts with the basics of



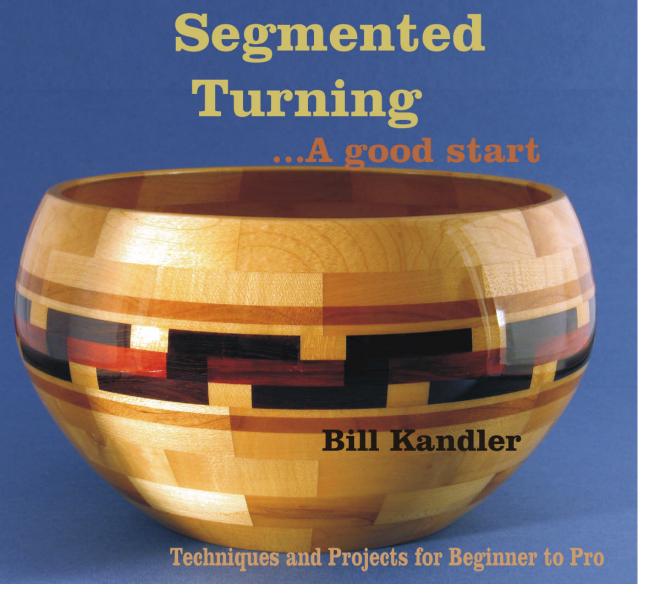


good design and then adds to that, discussions of design elements and the steps needed to make a segmented object. The steps include, cutting segments, gluing and flattening rings, mounting and turning on the lathe, sanding, and finishing the piece.

Also covered are photographing and documenting projects, a sample project, several sample project plans, and plans for building an accurate miter sled.







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- 1. What is Segmented Turning? A short, motivational discussion of how a segmented object differs from a normal lathe turning and a sampling of things that can be constructed from segmented rings.
- 2. The Tools of the Art/Trade Tools used for making segmented projects. Includes information on the use of chisels, routers, lathes, measuring devices, sanders, saws (table, radial arm, chop, and band), and Ring MasterTM. Safety, as it pertains to each type of tool is also discussed.
- 3. **Designing a Project** The principles of design, their applicability to segmented projects, and how the elements of design are used to achieve design goals. Manual, semi-computerized and fully computerized methods are presented. Several ways of adorning a segmented project are shown (bottom designs, grain orientation, segment alignment, spacers & gaps, segment colors, mosaics, inlays, laminates, sandwiches, cookie logs, and the power of joints).
- 4. **Selecting Your Materials** Choosing the right pieces of wood to use is spelled out including consistent or irregular coloring and grain orientations.
- 5. **Preparing Your Materials** The ripping, re-sawing, surfacing and/or dimensional sanding steps needed to get materials ready for the project are explained. Sandwiched construction is also presented.
- 6. **Cutting Rings** How to cut segments using a table saw, band saw, or chop saw.
- 7. **Gluing Rings** Three methods of gluing and clamping a segmented ring and how to eliminate gaps in the glue joints.
- 8. **Flattening Rings** Seven ways of getting segmented rings flat so they can be stacked up into the project form.
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- 16. **Project Plans** A picture and the cut list for each of 8 segmented projects.
- 17. **AcuMiter**TM **Sled Plans** How to build and set up a miter sled for accurate and repeatable segment cuts.

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