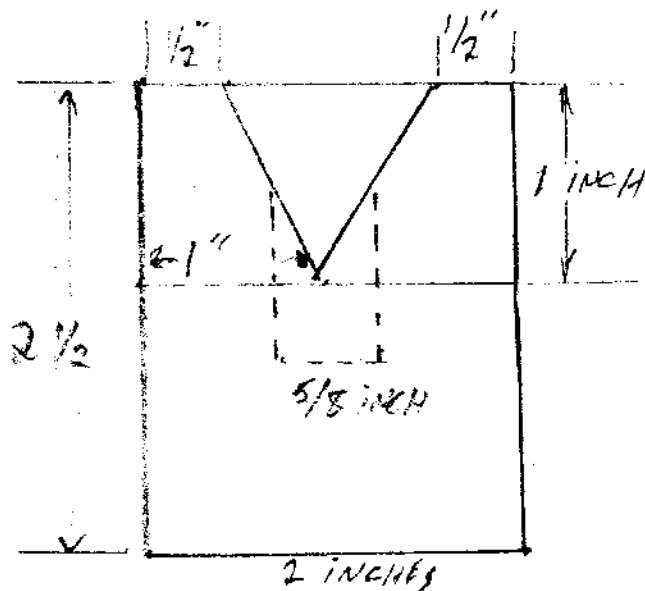


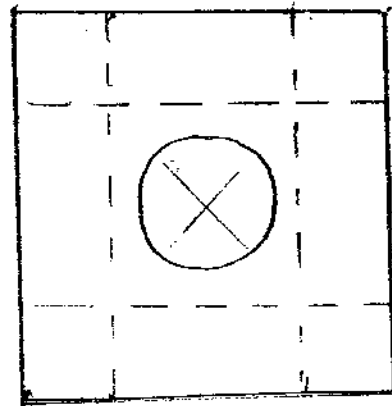
# A

## Pink Tulip

I start with a block of hardwood. Two inches square by 2 ½ inches long. You can use various sizes but this gives the best proportion for my eye.



**Fig. A**



**Fig. B**

**Step 1.** Find the center on the top and bottom of the block. Using a 5/8 inch fosner bit drill a 1 ½ inch deep hole in the top center of the block.

**Step 2.** Lay the block on its side and measure down one inch and make a line. Find the center of this line and make a mark. See Fig. A

**Step 3.** Measure in  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from each side at the top edge of the block. See Fig. A. Draw a line from both  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch marks to the center mark on the block.

**Step 4.** Turn the block 90 degrees and repeat steps 2 and 3.

**Step 5.** With the block laying on its side use a band saw to cut across each line. This cuts out the first V. Now turn the block 90 degrees and cut out the second V.

You should now have a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch tall block 2 inches square with a  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch hole  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep and a V cut one inch deep on all four sides.

Now it is time to go to the lathe. I chuck up a one inch dowel and turn one end down to approximately  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch with a slight taper  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. This will give you a tight "Jam Chuck" fit. I bring up the tail stock with a 60 degree live center to help hold the block in place. I use a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch roughing gouge to get the initial shape I am looking for. See Fig C.

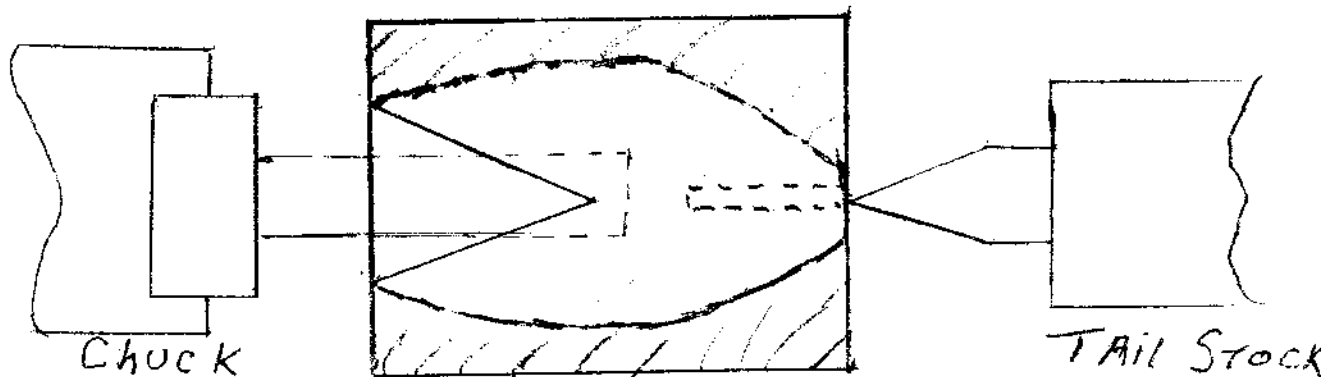


Fig. C

I drill a 3/16 to 1/8 inch hole into the bottom of the tulip before I remove it from the lathe. The hole diameter will depend on what you choose to use for a stem. I drill the hole approximately 3/4 inch deep being careful not to drill to deep and go into the 5/8 inch hole.

After sanding you are now ready for painting. I normally undercoat with a spray can of "Kliz white then top coat with a spray can of Krylon pink "Ballet Slipper" in gloss or satin.

I now find my way to a craft store and get some greenery or a bunch of plastic tulips. I generally disassemble the greenery and use the stems and some of the leaves. A drop of CA will hold the stem to the tulip and some floral tape will hold the leaves to the stem.

Now you can turn a nice vase to use to display your "PINK TULIPS".

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