Bud Vase Handout

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Everyone likes to get a gift. So why not make some Bud Vases and give them to your spouse, mother, grandmother, special friend, neighbor or anyone needing a little joy in their life. Add a test tube, some water and a fresh flower out of your garden when you give it away. It will certainly brighten that persons day.

Procedure:

1. Wood - just about anything larger than 2" diameter and about 7" long.

2. Mount the wood between centers . Rough the wood into a cylinder and turn a tenon on one end to fit your scroll chuck.

3. Remove and re-mount the wood into the 4 jaw chuck.   Begin shaping the top and make a starter hole for the 1/2" drill bit.   Put drill chuck in the tail stock and drill a 1/2" hole as deep as the glass test tube is long. About 5" normally. I like to leave about 1/8" of the tube sticking out of the hole when finished.

4. Using a sanding stick , sand the inside of the drilled hole until the test tube slides in easily. If you have a 9/16" drill bit, then the sanding stick will not be required. But always check to make sure the glass test tube will easily go into the drilled hole with no pressure.

5. Measure the depth of the hole and determine where the bottom of the bud vase will be. Use a parting tool to make a 1/2" deep cut to show you where the bottom will be when shaping the bud vase.

6. Turn, shape and sand the outside of the bud vase. Explore and try different shapes.

7. Add any details, texture or color, if you like. Such as beads, burn lines, wire brush, milk paint, pyrography, etc.

8. Saw or part off the vase. Sand the bottom flat or reverse turn the bottom on a jamb chuck.

9. Sign and date.   Apply your favorite finish. Suggest using a spray or wipe-on polyurethane for resistance to water stains.

10. Cut a flower from the garden, add a little water and give it to someone special in your life or a friend.   They will love it.

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