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## Inlay Techniques for Woodturners

### Key Points Covered

1. Brief overview of the history of the use of inlay in furniture making and how it can be applied to woodturnings.
2. Inlay materials, where to buy the ready made materials and how to make your own inlay materials.
3. Tools used to inlay the wood, stone, or metal. Tools available to purchase and those that can be made to inlay the materials.
4. Jigs and fixtures to hold the piece being inlayed.
5. Methods for inlaying before turning, in the process of turning and after the bowl or platter is turned.

This demonstration will focus on the techniques, the multiple materials that can be used and the aesthetics of inlay as a form of decoration of woodturned items. Wood, stone, metal, shell, bone and glass are traditionally used as inlay in the decoration of furniture. However these materials can also be used to decorate your woodturned items. Techniques for inlaying a variety of contrasting elements in your bowls and platters will be presented in this session. Instruction on how to construct the inlay elements will also be demonstrated.

### RESOURCE LIST

**Stewart MacDonald Guitar Supply** [www.stewmac.com](http://www.stewmac.com)

Precision router base, Dremel tool, router bits, mother of pearl inlay

**Craft Supply** [www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com) Woodturning tools, wood, inlay materials

**Packard Woodworks** [www.packardwoodworks.com](http://www.packardwoodworks.com) Woodturning tools, wood, inlay materials

**Constantines** [www.constantines.com](http://www.constantines.com) Veneer including 1/16" thick

**Wood Craft Supply** [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com) Screw extractors

**Woodcarvers Supply** [www.woodcarverssupply.com](http://www.woodcarverssupply.com) Carvers vise

**Certainly Wood** [www.certainlywood.com](http://www.certainlywood.com) Veneer including 1/16" thick

**Berkshire Veneer** [www.berkshireveneer.com](http://www.berkshireveneer.com) Veneer including 1/16" thick

**MSC** [www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com) End mills, router bits, metal for inlay

**McMaster Carr** [www.mcmaster.com](http://www.mcmaster.com) End mills, router bits, metal for inlay

**Dick Blick ArtSupply** [www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com) Metals/other materials for inlay, casting resin for mosaic pins

**Fire Mountain Gems** [www.firemountaingems.com](http://www.firemountaingems.com) Cabochons for inlay

**Otto Frei** [www.ottofrei.com](http://www.ottofrei.com) Inlay materials and tools

**Rio Grande** [www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com) Cabochons and tools for inlay

**Cincinnati Surgical** [www.cincinnati-surgical.com](http://www.cincinnati-surgical.com)

Knife and blades- handle item # 07L, blade item # SM1445