

Green wood tips

Green Wood Logs: To help keep green wood from drying out too fast and developing ugly cracks coat the end grain with something that will prevent the moisture from leaving too fast. I use Anchorseal although most any paint will work. The only problem I have with paint is I can't see the end grain figure/characteristics. The Anchorseal is a water/wax emulsion that dries somewhat clear.

Green Wood Turnings: My experience and that of several others I have made comments in various online forums is as follows:

Turn the green wood to have a wall thickness to be about 10% of the green log diameter. If the log after rough turning but not yet hollowed out is 7 inches in diameter, then rough turn the bowl/vase to have a wall thickness of about 0.70 inches thick. Then place the rough turned in denatured alcohol completely immersing the wood. Some indicated that just a few hours is all that is required. I usually keep it in the "dna" for a few days. Then I place it in a paper bag for several weeks while it slowly further loses moisture.

Some turn the bowl to finished size shortly after removing it from the "dna". I haven't tried that yet. The "dna" will absorb much of the moisture from the bowl as it is a great dehydrating agent.

Have fun experimenting.