

Jan 10 Wood Turning Tip

Project Sanding

A few months ago I attended a Woodworkers Show and discovered a new (for me), sanding block made of Urethane. I bought one for about \$18 to try out. It uses PSA sandpaper.

It is by far the best the best sanding block I have ever used. It sands flat surfaces very well and works on the lathe as well also.

As you can see below when new it is a nice "clean" yellow but with use it does pick up sand dust and ages nicely.

I liked the first one so much; I searched the internet and found that Klingspor's (www.woodworkingshop.com) carries them for \$8.95 each.

At the Klingspor web site use Key Part Search part number [KL05329](#) for the Urethane Sanding pad.

As you can see by the photo below I use five blocks with 80, 120, 180, 220, and 400 grit. I clearly labeled each block with the grit. They carry grits from 40 to 600, and are 10 meters long by 2 ¾" wide.

At the Klingspor web site use Key Search part number [AR34000SP](#) for the PSA sanding rolls.

TIP 1:

I have found the most effective way to sand is to go through all the grits not skipping any. To make sure each grit has done its job, I draw light pencil lines on the surface to be sanded before each grit. When the pencil lined disappear, go to the next grit.

TIP 2:

Over time the PSA is difficult to remove from the pad. I found that by heating the PSA sandpaper with a hair dryer softens the adhesive making removal of used up paper much easier. I keep one in the shop area.

