

October 08 Woodturning Tip

Last month's tip was for a stacked laminated bowl. Several noticed that the last page looked like something was missing. Well it was. I left out some pictures I thought didn't add much. Guess I was wrong, my good wife said so!

Here is the link for the missing pages:

[Http://krowe125.home.comcast.net/StackLaminatedBowls-Oct08.pdf](http://krowe125.home.comcast.net/StackLaminatedBowls-Oct08.pdf)

This month's tip is how to spalt wood.

I have successfully spalted maple, birch and even black walnut.

I sealed one end then placed the other end on dirt. It takes about 2 months here in Connecticut. It mostly depends on the mold spores in the dirt, and the temperature and humidity. Something we don't have much control over. Let it set too long and the wood becomes soft and punky. Too short a time and the spalting is not as attractive. Sometimes I have been able to harden punky wood with a wood hardener, shellac, or urethane.

Spalted wood objects are very attractive and sell well. But turning wood with mold can be **VERY Hazardous to one's health!**

Be **sure** to wear a protective mask!