

# Flowers II

Start with 2 – 3 pieces of wood  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 inches square totaling no less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. The top 1 to 2 pieces should be no more than  $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick. (If I'm using three pieces in the set up I like the top piece to be between  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and the center piece to be no more than  $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick)



I drill a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole in the center of the square so as to turn between centers. It's time to turn a tenon on the thickest piece of wood.



Shape the front and back of the flower as much as possible keeping it between centers. I take the back of the flower down to 1"  $\varnothing$  for parting later. Much smaller and the flower breaks off too soon.



Mount in a scroll chuck and finish turn the flower, sanding to 320. Divide the rim into 5 or 6 semi-equal parts. Drop down about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and divide between the upper divisions.



Make the petals from the upper tick mark to the lower in a french curve. Cut out with a coping saw, making sure to go  $\frac{1}{4}$ " further at the base of the petal. Now sand the petal edges.



Make a stamen around  $\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter and glue it into the center of the flower. Apply finish.



On the reverse side drill a hole partway through to mount the stem ( $\frac{3}{16}$  dowel). Drill on an angle. If you have a #2 center drill use it to start the hole. If not leave as little as possible hanging out of the chuck. This prevents the drill from wandering. Drill till you see the wood from the stamen.