

Flowers come in all shapes and sizes. You can make these to be anything you want them to be. I typically start with a block of wood 2 x 2 x 2 1/2. I then drill a 7/8" Ø hole with a forstner bit about 2" deep. Then the rest of the way I drill with a 1/4" Ø, this is for a 1/4" dowel to be used as the stem. The point of the forstner bit is a good guide for the 1/4" bit.



Once this is done, you will need to mark about 1 1/4 inches from the top on two sides for the tip of the "V" that needs to be cut. See fig 3

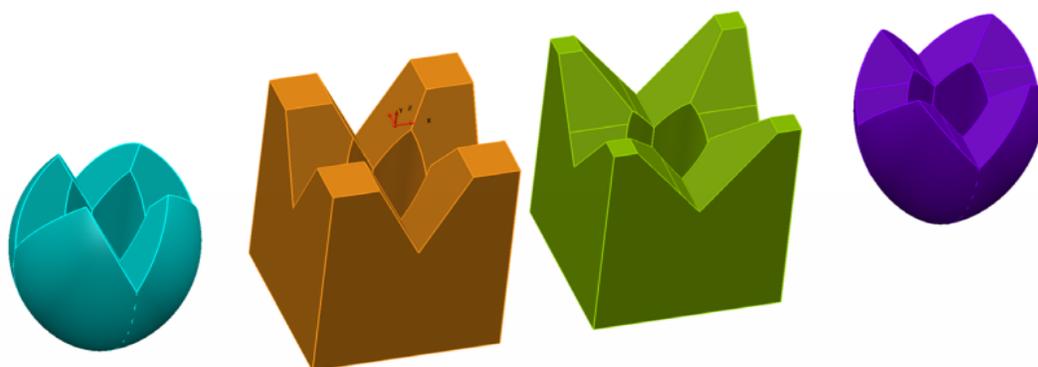


Fig 3

The wider the "V" the more open the flower, the tighter the "V" the more bud like the flower will be. Cut along the "V" lines as seen above.

The block will need to be put on a jam chuck. You can easily turn one with a morse taper on one end and a 7/8 (please measure the diameter of the hole) on the other end. Below is a chart for the Morse taper

Taper	Large End	Small End	Length	Taper/ Foot	Taper/ Inch	Angle From Center
#0	0.3561	0.2520	2.00	.6246	.0521	1.4908
#1	0.4750	0.3690	2.13	.5986	.0499	1.4287
#2	0.7000	0.5720	2.56	.5994	.0500	1.4307

Turn the shape you like using the tail stock to help hold the piece on the jam chuck. Sand and remove from the jam chuck. the 1/4 inch hole helps in centering on the chuck and also for driving stuck pieces off of the chuck.

Once finished you will need to sand the saw marks off of the "V's".

I then make a cylinder to fit into the 7/8 Ø. This is usually made from a contrasting wood but the choice is yours. You want the top to be spherical and to stick slightly above the the bottom of the "V's". Glue into the flower and finish with the finish of your choice.

The last step is to glue a 1/4 dowel (the stem) to the flower and wrap it in green florist tape.

The beauty of the bouquet comes from using different woods to give the appearance of a variety of flowers. I show mine in a wide mouth vase with florist foam inside for something for the stems to hang on to.