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For more than twenty five years I have been creating what woodturners refer to as hollow forms, what non-woodturners might call a vase or a pot!

As a result of this work hollow forms and vessels (especially coloured vessels) have become my signature work and, I have refined my process over the years to the point where I can now produce work of a consistently high standard.

In order to produce work of this type it is, in my opinion, crucial to have an understanding of the entire process and the role each step plays in the production of a finished piece.



In this AAW Presents series live online event I have tried to take you through the basics of this process. From timber sourcing and selection, processing the raw materials, mounting the pieces on the lathe, shape

and form and, of course, the tools and techniques I use to hollow the vessel out.

The following list is an outline of the tools I used as part of the presentation plus a few extra items that I use on a regular basis.

- Lathe: Vicmarc VL240
 - <https://vicmarc.com/product-page/lathes/vl240-heavy-duty-95-detail>
- Chuck: Vicmarc VM120
 - <https://vicmarc.com/product-page/chucks/vm120-detail>
- Chuck: Vicmarc VM100
 - <https://vicmarc.com/product-page/chucks/vm100-detail>
- Steb Centre
 - <https://www.robert-sorby.co.uk/lstb150-stebcentre>
- Ring Centre (Live Centre)
 - <https://www.turnrobust.com/product/live-center/>
- Vicmarc 5/8" Bowl Gouge (Discontinued but DNS in Germany have some stock left)
 - <https://www.drechselstube.de/drechselwerkzeug/vid-vicmarc-dns-roehren/vid-roehren/>
- Vicmarc Handle
 - <https://vicmarc.com/product-page/turning-tools/tool-handles-detail>
- Dianova Diamond Sharpener
 - <https://dianova-ab.com/produkt/dianova-cook-med-ergonomiskt-handtag/?v=79cba1185463>
- Woodcut Pro-Forme
 - <https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product-category/woodcut-tools/>
- Woodcut Pro-Forme Flexi
 - <https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product-category/woodcut-tools/>
- Woodcut Irons Shear Scraper
 - <https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product-category/woodcut-tools/>

- John Jordan Hollowing Tools
 - <https://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com/hollowing-tools1.html>

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Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting me and what I do.

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