

Rudolph Lopez Demo/Class Descriptions

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Thin Stem Natural Edge Goblet from a Limb

We will be turning a thin stem natural edge goblet from a green limb approximately 1½" – 2 ½" dia. I will show attendees the simple techniques I use to easily turn a thin stem natural edge goblet from a green limb using mostly a 1/2" or 5/8" side ground bowl gouge. I will explain limb selection, pith orientation, different techniques used for stabilizing thin stems, the use and sharpening of Negative Rake scrapers and drying to help avoid cracking.

Students will learn to use the side ground bowl gouge for spindle work with emphasis on tool control, improving their skill with the bowl gouge and also learn the technique and finesse needed for turning thin stems on goblets. (Length and thickness of stems can be adjusted to the ability/comfort level of students).

Skill level / Experience: Beginner with good basic knowledge of the lathe & tool use, turns currently.

Wood required; Green Limb sections approx... 1 ¾" – 2 ½" dia. about 12" long. Best to be left in long log sections to be cut to length the day of class to avoid end checks.

Tools & supplies; Face Shield recommended, **Safety Glasses required**, Chuck for 1"X 8 mini-lathe or lathe that will be used, 1/2" or 5/8" side ground Bowl gouge, 1/2" to 3/4" Round nose scraper, Parting tool, I will have some extra tools for students to use.

