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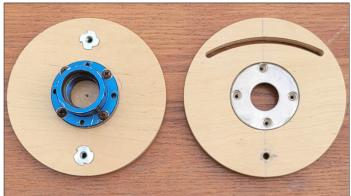
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Cranes turned with a Paul Howard style off center jig

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This offset jig will give you about a ¾" offset each direction of the center line. I chose to drill the Tenon hole 1-3/8" in diameter. It could be larger or smaller. The 1-3/8" works out well to have enough wood to attach a 2-1/2" to 3" diameter turning blank with 4 screws to hold it securely.



Washer added to prevent the screws that hold the turning blank from digging in to the wood on the back of the jig.







Drill the 1-3/8" tenon hole after attaching face plate and bolting jig together on the 0 point so centers will line up with center of faceplate when drilling. This ensures the jig is centered to your spindle.

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Attaching a blank to the off-center jig.



Turning the head and neck of the crane, jig offset.



Jig centered, turn leg and base.

Crane step by step:

- 1. Attach turning blank to jig using four wood screws, attach jig face to jig base using two bolts and washers.
- 2. Offset jig to one side, turn head and neck.
- 3. Center the piece on the jig, turn body, leg and base.
- 4. Swing the crane back to the offset to drill the hole for the beak while the head is supported by the tailstock.

Sand each section as it is turned!



Paul Howard style off-center woodturning jig by Waukeene Vinson

Material List:

2 ea. 6" dia. 3/4" Plywood

2 ea. ¼" x 1-½" Bolt 2 ea. ¼" Washers

2 ea. 1/4" x 20 TPI T-Nuts

4 ea. # 8 x 1-1/2" to 2" Wood Screw



Jim Duxbury



Brenda Thornton



Matt Harber



Clockwise from top left: Teak handled eating utensils designed to assist a disabled person with advanced stage Lupus. The backs are flat in order to register each utensil in the proper orientation for use, as this person is losing their eyesight as well; Cedar sphere with a dyed poplar stand; Offset box elder natural edge bowl; Oak measuring spoon set.



Gerald R. Jensen



Jon Moore



Todd Williams



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This page clockwise from top left: Soft maple beehive box; Black locust "man's bowl," 10.5 " x 5"; Walnut platter; Maple mantel clock - the Maple crotch is 9" high by 8" wide. Base is 9-1/2 long by 5"wide and 1" thick. **Facing page** clockwise from top left: Claro walnut bowl 17 inches across; Norfolk Island Pine hollowform with an ebony finial; Koa "calabosh," because it isn't an actual calabash.

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Billy Burt



Gerard Dubois

Clockwise from the top left: Juniper vase; Spalted maple globe stand replacing one the children broke; Ambrosia maple bowl; Ash platter 12" wide x 1 1/2 " thick.



Nathan Fought



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