It’s easy to turn a beautiful and useful small wooden bowl.
1. PREPARE THE BLANK

The blank will be mounted on a scroll chuck. Bore a large hole approximately 3/8" deep for the chuck jaws to grab onto.

2. MOUNT, SHAPE THE OUTSIDE

Shape the outside of the bowl. This includes a mortise to remount the bowl when shaping its inside.

3. ADD DETAILS

Add any decorative details, then sand the outside of the bowl smooth. Apply a finish to the outside of the bowl—a friction polish works great.

4. REMOUNT, SHAPE INSIDE

Remount the bowl blank on the lathe, then start shaping the inside of the bowl. The shape of the inside of the bowl is up to you.

5. COMPLETE THE SHAPE

Complete the interior of the bowl and then sand it very smooth. Sand carefully up through the grits to at least 330-grit.

6. APPLY THE FINISH

Once again, apply a wipe-on finish of your choice. Remove the bowl from the lathe.