

# Salt Shaker Cap Preparation, Turning, and Assembly

## Blank Preparation and Turning

**Note:** This project is turned between centers. No mandrel or bushings are necessary.


1. Your blank should be a minimum of 2" square, but the length can vary according to your design. Make sure the ends are squared to the sides of the blank.
2. Mark the center of each end of the blank, then mount the blank between the headstock and tailstock centers on the lathe. Turn the blank to the desired shape, keeping in mind that the final diameter at the narrowest point should be at least 1½".
3. After turning, sand the surfaces in progressive steps of 220, 400, 600, and 1000 grit. If a higher finish is desired, micromesh sandpaper may be used.
4. Apply the finish of choice and polish.
5. Remove the blank from the lathe.

## Assembly

1. Install a 1¼" Forstner bit in a drill press. Drilling by hand is not recommended, as it is crucial that the hole be drilled perpendicular to the ends of the blank.
2. Set the turned blank on end underneath the Forstner bit. Use the dimple from the lathe center to center the blank below the bit, then clamp the blank into place.
3. Drill a 1¼" hole to the desired depth. Clear the bit often to prevent excessive heat buildup.
4. Fill the shaker, then press the Cap (clip side down) into the opening.

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