

## Module 1. Course overview

# WOODTURNING FOR BEGINNERS

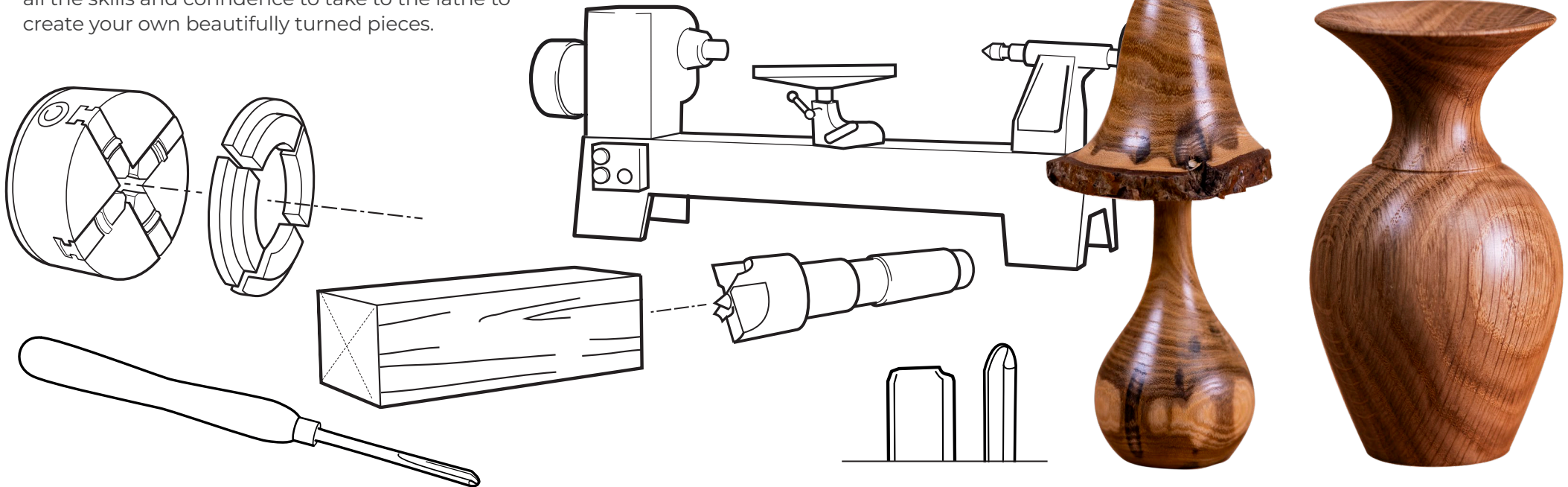
**Designed and compiled by experts from Axminster Tools, this Woodturning for Beginners online course will introduce you to the foundations of woodturning and will arm you with all the skills you need to get started.**

The course is led by world renowned woodturners, **Jason Breach** RPT and **Colwin Way** RPT, who will guide you through all the basic skills required to start you on your turning journey.

At the end of this course you will have gained all the skills and confidence to take to the lathe to create your own beautifully turned pieces.

You will be introduced to the woodturning lathe, general health and safety practices associated with woodturning, the tools and equipment required as well as skills and techniques needed to produce a range of cuts using common woodturning tools. We will also introduce you to sharpening techniques to ensure your chisels stay sharp.

There will also be a number of small, practical exercises and projects to complete throughout the course, bringing together all the skills you will learn.



# WOODTURNING FOR BEGINNERS

These supporting documents accompany the **Woodturning for Beginners** video tutorials and clearly illustrates the equipment you will need, safety, and sharpening your tools.

There are also guide plans for the projects you'll make as well as trouble shooting tips.

A helpful glossary of terms is included to help you as you begin your woodturning journey.

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## List of supporting documents

▶ = All information can be found in the video

### Module 1. Course overview

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Meet your tutors

### Module 2. Equipment Overview

Tool list  
Workshop set up  
and extraction

### Module 3. The Lathe

Anatomy of the lathe

### Module 4. Safety

Safety on the lathe  
PPE

### Module 5. ▶ See video Woodturning Centres

### Module 6. ▶ See video Four Jaw Chuck

### Module 7. Chisels Overview

Module 8.  
**Sharpening your tools**  
Principles of sharpening  
**Sharpening angle chart:**  
For the six main  
woodturning chisels

### Module 9. ▶ See video Timber Overview

### Module 10. ▶ See video Sanding

### Module 11. ▶ See video Finishing

### Module 12. Practice piece

Cutting guide

### Module 13. Project 1: Toadstool

Working drawings

### Module 14. Project 2: Vase

Working drawings

## 15. Extra Resources

15.2 Trouble shooting tips  
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**We recommend you print these documents** to refer to alongside the videos. Print full size on A4 landscape.

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### JASON BREACH

Jason has more than 38 years' experience as a woodturner. He was introduced to the lathe at the age of 12 and soon discovered box turning, which later became one of his signature pieces, earning him critical acclaim the world over.

Jason pursued woodworking as a career, gaining a BA (Hons) degree in Furniture Design & Management. He worked for a number of years making furniture and bespoke kitchens, allowing him to develop and hone his skills, before becoming a woodworking tutor at **Axminster Tools**.

Jason continues to travel the world demonstrating and tutoring woodturning to students of all abilities. He can also be found alongside Colwin, on **Axminster Tools'** YouTube channel sharing his knowledge and passion through the company's regular Woodworking Wisdom demonstrations.



### COLWIN WAY

Colwin's woodturning career spans almost 40 years with many of those spent as a woodturning tutor with **Axminster Tools**.

His interest in woodturning started at school and has been turning ever since, with woodturning taking Colwin to 10 different countries and 26 US states, demonstrating his skills.

He joined the Register of Professional Turners in 1998 and he is a regular contributor and guest editor of Woodturning Magazine.

Colwin live streams once a week from the studios at **Axminster Tools**, teaching and demonstrating woodturning on the company's Woodworking Wisdom YouTube platform.