

Make this Santa Claus Gonk



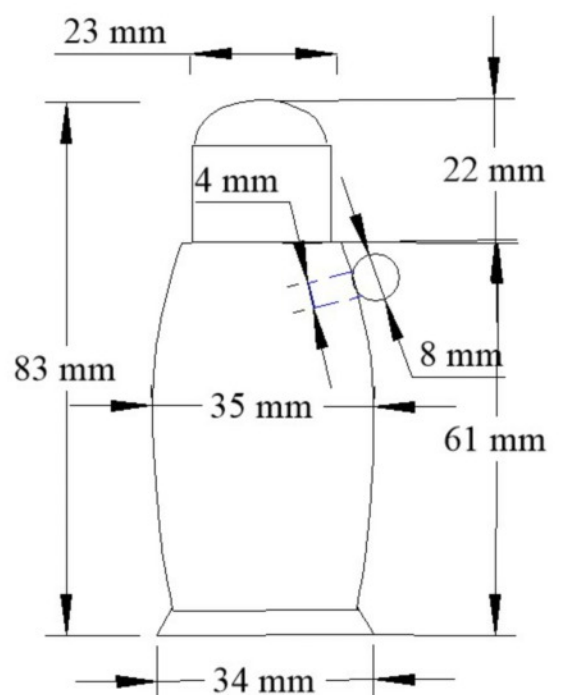
Anybody who has seen the Tiny Turner's gallery will recognise this character has belonging to the genus: Gonk, species: Father Christmas. This project offers an opportunity for some simple spindle turning. Any wood, including pine can be used



Try to avoid wood with knots because paint absorption will be uneven. With a spindle blank mounted between centres turn it a cylinder using a roughing out gouge.

Most of the project can be turned with the roughing out gouge and a parting tool. The spindle gouge is used to refine the design. While most of the dimensions are approximate take care with the diameter of the top since the hat has to slide onto it. The fit should not be too tight or too loose. For this reason it is advisable to buy the hats in advance and check the size.

Choose purpleheart, sapele or any dark wood for the nose to provide a contrast to the white beard. Drill a hole in the body so that the spigot on the nose can be glued in place.



Acrylic paints were used to colour the body. The hat and faux fur beard can be glued on using *Soudall* adhesive which doesn't bleed through the fur or hat. Cut a small cross in the backing material of the faux fur so that the beard can be pushed past the nose and glued in position