

Day 35

USING THE LATHE

1. The main parts of the lathe are the head and tail stock, the bed, and the tool rest.
2. Items such as table legs, bowls, tool handles, and baseball bats can be turned on the lathe.
3. Stock must have the centres marked on each end for mounting between the head and tail stocks.
4. Wide and shallow pieces can be produced by turning on the face plate. Stock must be screwed securely to the faceplate before starting.
5. Cutting tools must be held with both hands in order to maintain control and safe operation. Some larger lathes have a clamp built into the tool rest.
6. Sanding may be done while the work is still mounted on the lathe. Great care must be taken while sanding to prevent injury.