

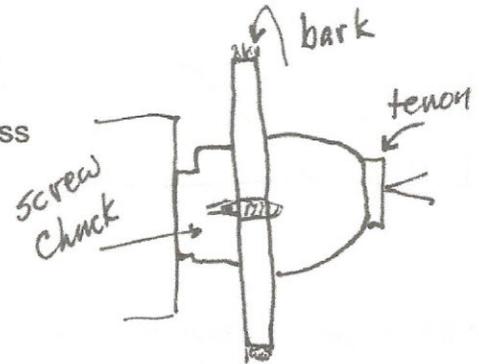
Square Natural Edge Bowl

As per the diagram, this bowl has its top, or opening, toward the center of the tree.

Mount the wood on a small faceplate or screw chuck with the tailstock live center up against the round bark side of the bowl.

As usual, turn the outside of the bowl first, shaping the bottom with a tenon for later chucking and keeping the top edge flat and square.

This is how the bowl should now look on the lathe. The flat top is on the left and the bottom, which you are shaping, is on the right. As you continue to shape the bottom, be conscious of the thickness of the top square.



Remove bowl from screw chuck or faceplate and grip in four-jaw chuck. First, face off the top so it is parallel to the bottom of that square part. You can leave a lip at the top around where you will make the inside of the bowl or leave it flat to the in-cut.

Using a bowl gouge, remove wood from the inside of the bowl, taking care to keep the thickness of the sides of the bowl the same from top to near the bottom.

Remove bowl from chuck and reverse in a jam chuck to finish-shape the base of the bowl. Since it is jam-chucked, you will have to keep the tail stock live center up against it. Turn as far toward the center as you feel comfortable and then remove that little post in the center with a small saw or chisel.

If roughing only, leave plenty of wood to accommodate changes in shape as it dries. Anchorseal and set aside for a year. If completing the bowl now, sand the outside after turning, the inside after turning, and the bottom after final shaping. Let dry, then varnish.