

## October 2015 - George Foweraker RPT

George was off on a course for the following 2 days and so this month's meeting was shorter than normal but packed with useful information and friendly banter as always.

The theme was Christmas Decorations and therefore was very timely as that is the theme for next months Monthly Challenge. The main item to be turned was a sea urchin pendant, the sea urchins being purchasable on the internet for about £1.50 each. The first task was to abrade the holes circular and both faces flat using homemade pieces of appropriate scrap wood to which 240 grit abrasive was attached. For the purposes of the demo the sea urchins were left in their natural state but could easily be painted before assembling the finished pendant.

Finials were then turned from pine for each end and a wire hook glued into one end to create an attractive pendant about 5" in length ...



**Top Tip 1** - when using a Stebcentre, punch the centre holes in each end of the spindle rather than drilling which can easily run off centre

**Top Tip 2** - When sanding the delicate parts of a spindle, don't use course abrasive as this can remove the fine detail

**Top Tip 3** - keep the cutting tool close to your body and then move your body to keep better control

**Top Tip 4** - drill the hole for the wire hook before shaping the finial end to size



To round off the evening George quickly turned a snowman and Christmas tree which provides fun pieces for children to decorate ...

Thanks to George for yet another entertaining and informative evening.

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