

DVD: THE SKEW CHISEL (The Dark Side and the Sweet Side of the Skew)
by Alan Lacer

Availability: WCW Library



In this 90 minute video Alan first describes preparing the skew chisel (shaping, sharpening and fine tuning) and setting up the lathe for skew work. He then describes a wide range of cuts including V-cuts, roughing (yes, really), planing, pommel cuts, shoulder cuts, saucer cuts, parting off, peeling, rolling and coving (sort of). In addition he demonstrates end grain scraping, top turning and techniques to deal with knots and twisted grain.

This is a top quality educational video, tightly edited with clear close-up shots and unambiguous instructions. Alan Lacer's easy-going manner makes it a pleasure to watch.

IMHO:

The sharpening instructions and the use of the dead-center drive alone make this a winner! If you are at all interested in using the skew and would like to improve your skills then you might want to check out this excellent DVD.

Those of you who actively hate the skew – don't bother with this one – it's about the skew, the whole skew and nothing but the skew...

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