

TURNING A COVERED DISH

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1. Decide the size and shape of the dish. Then make a blank with a tenon or waste block on both ends.
2. Mark where the divide between the top and bottom will be. The bottom will be about 1/3rd if a knob is part of the top.
3. With parting tool make a cut about 1" deep at the top edge of the bottom. Then make an adjacent cut about 3/8" wide about 1/8" deep at the bottom edge of the lid, this will be the male edge connecting the top and bottom.
4. Form the rim of top and bottom.
5. Make the basic shape of the bottom and the top.
6. Part off the top.
7. Using a shear scraping cut finish the outside of the bottom up to the tenon.
8. Finish the rim and hollow the inside. Sand the bottom inside and out.
9. Remove the bottom and mount the top.
10. Fit the top and bottom together making a jam chuck fit.
11. Form the outside of the top to the knob without disturbing the waste block or tenon.
12. Hollow out the top. Sand the inside.
13. Remove the top and remount the bottom.
14. Join the top to the bottom and bring up the tailstock to hold it in place.
15. Finish the outside edge of the top, then use tape to help hold the pieces together.
16. Finish the remainder of the top, if the knob is a part of the top, finish it as much as possible before removing the tailstock, then finish the knob and sand.
17. Remove the top and part off the bottom.
18. If desired use a vacuum chuck or friction chuck to finish off the bottom, sand and apply desired finish to the piece.

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