October's challenge is to turn a wig stand that will be donated to the Breast Cancer Resource Center in Princeton, New Jersey. Our goal is to donate thirty or more wig stands.

The drawing below gives the basic dimensions for a wig stand. The dome at the top needs to be a continuous curve with no sharp edges that could deform a wig. Domes for adults should be 4" to 5" in diameter and domes for children and teens should be 3" to 4". The base either needs mass or be wide enough to provide stability. Let us get creative this year and use a figurine for the stem. Pictures 1 through 3 are examples created by Nationally ranked turner, Linda Ferber and the last stand was created by our own Bobby McCarley. This year, color is key. The overall height should be between 13" and 15". The finish needs to be something that will not react with nor harm the wig. Acceptable finishes include lacquer and polyurethane. Do not use waxes, oils, or shellac.

Not all videos demonstrate the safest turning practices, particularly turning off the lathe before adjusting the tool rest. Please use common sense when following the directions provided in some of these videos.









Instructional Videos:

(Unfortunately, there were none that I could find that depicted a figurine stem.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOag3_XQ33U https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdU1Lp2hjWg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR9wejyfuS0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tz9YRMHlsfU

Happy Turning ★
When you submit your project, please complete the following:
Name of Submitter:
Kind of wood(s) used:
What tools did you use:

What kind of finish did you apply:

Other comments:

