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USING THE BOWL SKEW

The tools are for making final smoothing cuts after the bowl is shaped.

The cut is shear that leaves the end grain smooth. With practice, sanding can be all but eliminated.

The two tool set consists of one tool with a deeper flute to be used on bowls up to 5" - 6" in diameter. The shallower tool is for use on bowls 6" and larger in diameter. The tools are both used in the same manner. With the tool rest slightly below centre, the flat side of tool is placed on the tool rest. Do not roll the tool back as this can cause a catch. If the tool is held flat on its side, it cannot catch. It is possible that it will not cut, but it will not catch.

The bevel of the tool should be brought to the surface of the bowl and the handle moved towards the centre of the bowl until the cutting edge begins to cut. The tool handle should be held level until the tool begins to cut.

As the cutting begins, the handle can be lowered to increase the ease of the cut.

As the cut proceeds, the handle should be moved around towards the outside so that the bevel directs the tool around the inside of the bowl.

Sharpening is done on a flat rest set at the angle of the tool bevel.

Starting at the centre, the tool handle is moved in an arc to one side and then the other.

Buffing or honing is also recommended.

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