



# Woody's World

5th October 2023



## Christmas Decorations

Welcome to Chris who joined us tonight for the first time, hope to see you back again soon.

This evening Dave was good enough to demonstrate some new ideas for Christmas (it's coming), combining turned Maple, fairy lights and baubles into a lovely festive light with a few options for the finished item.

Dave began by turning the base for the light, hollowing to 20mm deep followed by a 20mm Forstner bit to 45mm ie 65mm in total.



*Safety tips en route – always hold the Jacobs chuck whilst drilling to prevent it being held in the piece whilst withdrawing and the whole chuck becoming a potential missile.*



Dave then reversed the piece in the chuck and drilled a 6mm hole through the centre all the way through so that the wire for the lights could be threaded through.



He then shaped the piece suitably for the glass ball, shaping the top and adding a 20mm hole for the stem of the ball – obviously amend as appropriate for decoration used. Test fit and adjust as necessary.



Once the shape has been refined you can sand and finish. Lights are threaded up through the hole and into the glass ball. Once happy with the set-up, glue the ball in place. TIP – don't use CA glue as it will cloud the ball, clear silicone is good.



In terms of parts, Dave acquired the white lights from Amazon and the lights with the cylindrical base from Hobbycraft.

To provide a couple of versions simply coloured the 'white' lights with Sharpies to create coloured lights – genius! - Acrylic paints will work as well.

The globes were stripped down baubles bought from a garden centre, seemingly the 'go to' places for Christmas decorations at this time of year.



Thanks Dave for a new idea and a reminder to start turning for Christmas...and here's an early present for you all.

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## Treasurer's request regarding payments

Most members are paying by card each week and less cash is available for change, Andy has asked that those preferring to pay by cash please bring the exact amount – usually £6. Thanks in advance.

## Forthcoming Meetings

The club depends upon members volunteering to do demonstrations. **Please let Dave know what you can do for the club.**

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

Subject	Demonstrator	Date
Back to basics	Roger Gilbert	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Christmas items		7 <sup>th</sup> December
Club social		January tbd

***If you have any requests or ideas for future meetings, please mention it to Dave Simms.***

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