

The best laid plans. . .
By Walter Hall

I originally made these cheese knife handles for an article in Woodturning magazine and finished them with Acrylic lacquer. A few months later they had developed a variety of faults in the finish in the form of blooming and white spots under the finish. I can only assume that this was due to the walnut not being fully dried or there being too much moisture in the atmosphere when I finished them. Either way they needed refinishing.



Fortunately, the handles are fitted with a screw thread so were easily removed.



This also made them easy to mount in the collet chuck of my Axminster pen lathe using a suitable threaded rod so the old finish could be sanded away and the handles prepared for refinishing.



Not being one to give up on an idea easily, now that the wood has been in a centrally heated dining room for a few months, I decided to stick with acrylic lacquer. Sprayed with the lathe protected from overspray with masking tape and a scrap of hardboard.



Here are the (re)finished handles. Let's hope I have better luck with them this time.



