



# RICHARD SHOCK

## Woodturner

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL TURNER

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I hope you will enjoy using or displaying this example of hand-made modern craftsmanship. This sheet gives some hints on the best way of taking care of it.

### **Finish**

Nearly all my work is finished in the same way. After sanding, I apply a coat of Danish Oil, which penetrates and protects, and hardens on exposure to the atmosphere. Then I buff the surface using a set of cloth wheels to apply successively Tripoli wax, White Diamond paste and finally carnauba wax, a non-toxic edible substance (see [www.toolpost.co.uk](http://www.toolpost.co.uk)). This results in a sheen which best shows up the figuring and grain, without giving the high gloss shine of other finishes.

### **Care of the work**

Wooden objects should not be put in dishwashers, fridges, microwaves or ovens.

Most of the woods which I use change colour on prolonged exposure to light. This can be slowed by avoiding window sills and other bright places. The two stage process I use for making bowls and platters minimises the distortion to which all such turned wooden objects are prone. This process cannot always be prevented and never reversed; it is in the nature of wood to distort and often adds to the natural and unique quality of each piece. To minimise the effect, however, avoid keeping it in hot or humid places.

Work which will simply be displayed will require only a light dusting. The carnauba wax does not show up finger marks as much as other wax finishes do.

If your bowl or platter, or salad servers, need to be washed, rub them with a damp cloth and dry immediately. This treatment will sooner or later cause the wax layer to look faded. To improve the surface again, rub it with some fine wire wool if possible, then use a paper towel to wipe any vegetable oil over it, and leave it to dry. It will not regain exactly the shiny look it had when you got it but age and constant use will give it a pleasing patina.

When using candlesticks, please take care as you are mixing fire and wood! All my candlesticks are supplied with metal cups. For polishing, remove them by undoing the screws but return them; never light candles in them without the metal inserts. Candle wax dripping on the surface can usually be gently eased off and then rubbed off with a cloth or fine wire wool. Keep tealights in the thin aluminium pots supplied with them.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further advice, or another bowl!

*Richard*

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