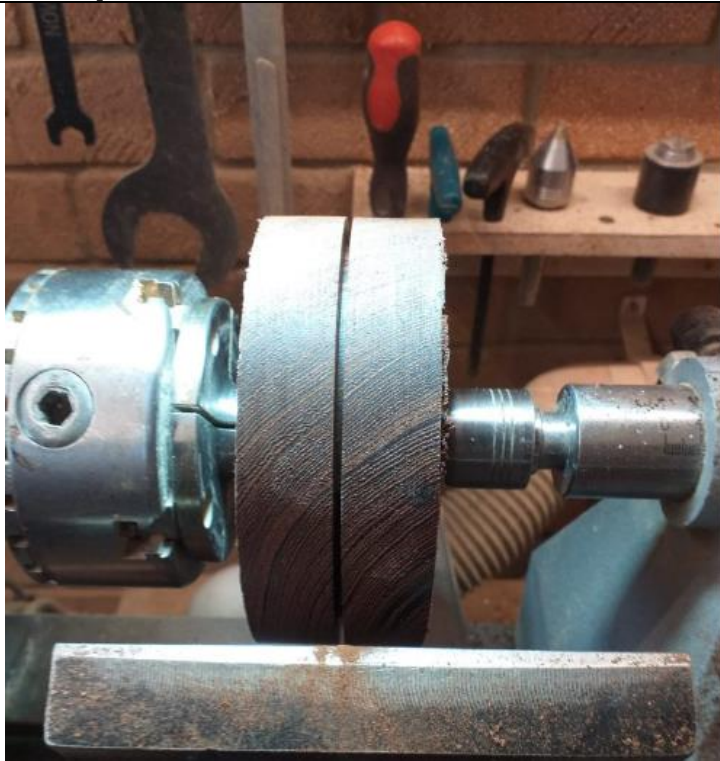


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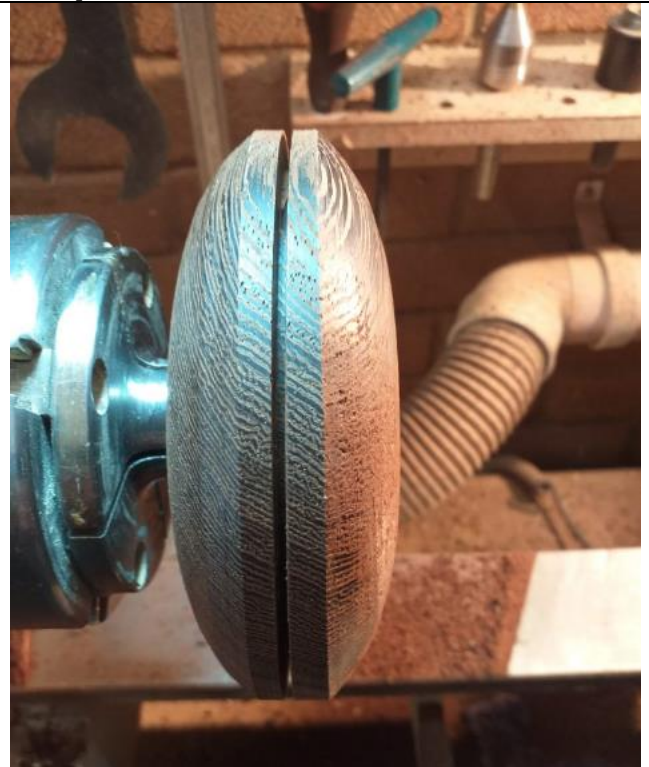
This is how to make a hollow form using a Bowl gouge – just follow the instructions in the images below:

Step 1:



Select your blank and true up in the usual way. Mark the centre with a parting tool.

Step 2:



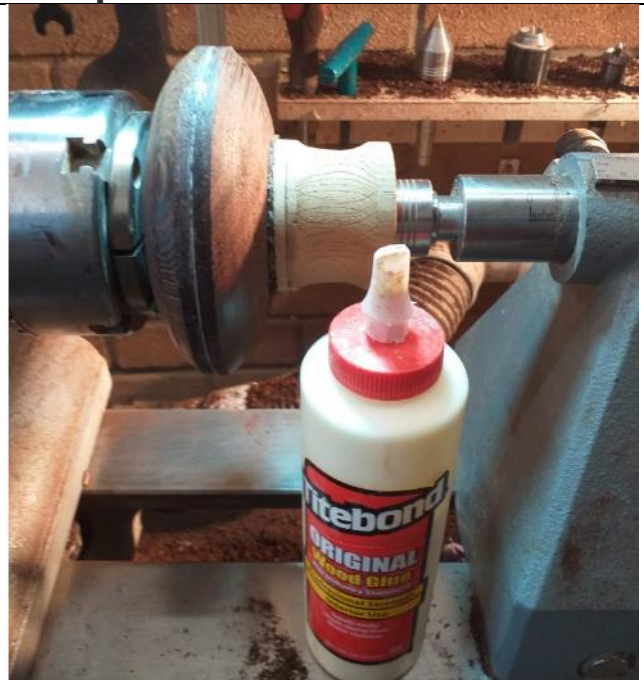
Shape each side.

Step 3:



Cut the blank into 2 halves along the centre line. Hollow both halves the same way you would hollow out a bowl. Make sure you leave a flange and that the flange is nice and level using a straight edge.

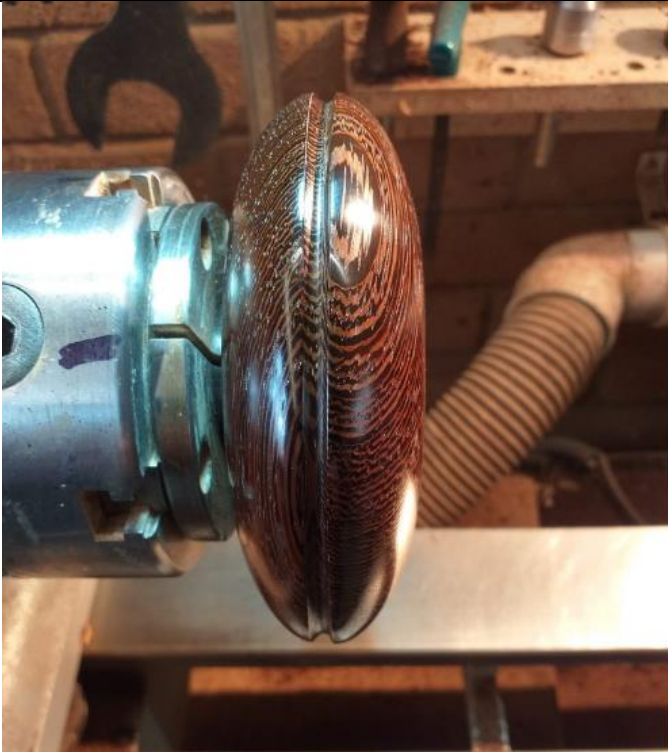
Step 4:



Try the two halves to make sure the two mating flanges are a good fit, if not adjust until they are. Now glue the two halves together and leave over night. Try and match the grain pattern as much as possible.

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Step 5:



Once the two halves are secured, finish shaping your blank. Blend the joint and try and hide the line with a bead or cove depending on your design. Sand and finish as required - I sanded to 600 grit with two coats of sanding sealer sanding between coats. I then sanded to 4000 grit (but this probably over the top). Finishing with Carnauba wax and then a final coat of Renaissance wax.

Step 6:



The finished piece - the body made from Wenge and the finial and foot made from Ash to give a contrast. The finial and foot were again sanded to 600 grit with two coats of Sanding sealer sanded between coats. Again sanded to 4000 grit and finished with friction polish and a final coat of Renaissance Wax.

I hope you enjoy the process as I did and it just goes to show that you do not need expensive hollowing tools to make a hollow form, just a bowl gouge. If you choose to take up the challenge, I would like to see your items.

Good luck and stay safe.