

Martin House Finial Pattern

A hand-turned finial is a great way to cap off the martin house from *Woodsmith* No. 231. You can use the pattern here as a guide for sizing the blank and creating the profile. Before turning on the lathe, don't forget to drill a hole in the bottom end of the blank. This accepts a dowel that's used to attach the finial to its base.

BAND SAW. If you don't have a lathe, you can make two copies of the pattern, tape them to adjacent sides of the blank, and cut it to rough shape at the band saw. With a little rasp and file work, you can create a good-looking "turning" without ever reaching for a turning tool. **W**

FULL-SIZE FINIAL PATTERN: ($\frac{1}{4}$ " squares)

