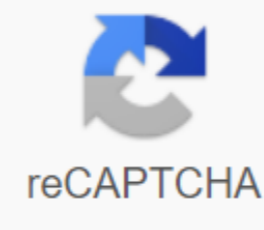




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Craftsman router crafter manual

Recently, I posted the Black Walnut Hollow Spiral Candle as one of my projects I had done with my Craftsman Router Crafter. Among the comments left was whether this was made only with a router and a few suggestions I made a blog as it was made. So, here it goes. The Craftsman Router Crafter was marketed by Sears for several years, but was discontinued in the early 90s. It was actually made for it by Trend Manufacturing, which sold the same base machine and called it a router lathe. This photo of my machine was taken shortly after I bought it from Ebay and placed it in a corner of my barn. The router craftsman works slightly differently than a lathe. On a lathe, the workpiece is quickly rotated and the cutting tool is slowly moved over and into the workpiece. With the router craftsman, the workpiece is moved slowly, actually by a hand crank. The cutting tool, the router, rotates at a high speed. The amount of material taken at a time is controlled by setting the depth of the router. Most often, this is done by the screws on the front of the plate on which the router is mounted. The router is moved along the pipes, from left to right. To round up a piece, the crank is rotated and the router is slowly pulled over the workpiece. After each pass, the router is lowered and this continues until the piece is correctly rounded to the desired dimension. At this point you can do any kind of thing. A fairly simple action is to create flutes on the piece. This black walnut candle has flutes on the main trunk. The workpiece is locked at one of 24 settings, and the router is then pulled to create the flute. The type of flute is determined by the router bit used. The setting is moved and the next flute is made and so on. With the 24 settings you can make the number of flutes, because you can divide 24 evenly. This is a 3-flute, hollow candle made with a straight bit. After each pass at each of the three settings, go deeper until all three reach the middle and leave the pit. One of the most interesting things that can be done with the Crafter router are spirals. By attaching the router platform to a cable, you are able to rotate the workpiece and draw the router from left to right at the same time. With the gearbox built into the machine, you get the spiral, either a left or right spiral, depending on which cable is attached. The above photo shows a few candles that I made with spirals. By setting the one a rejuvenation can be achieved. The walking stick in the photo has both a rejuvenation and a spiral. This candlestick is tapered and has both a right and a left spiral that creates a pineapple pattern. Well, the black walnut hollow spiral candle pictured above— A Straight bit was used to cut the spirals and it was set deeper and deeper until, as in the fluted candle, they all reach the middle and leave it hollow. There are other things that can be done with the Craftsman Router Crafter that I haven't experimented with yet. Like I will try to post pictures of these new projects. -- Garry, Kentucky 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Discussion Starter • #1 • Aug 29, 2011 I need artisan router craftsman handout #720.25251 can someone help me? Welcome to the Router Forum, Jack Thank you for joining us Discover the value of being a card member. Find out more

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