

Calum Ewing



I already have a large hefty mallet in Lignum vitae that was my fathers so wanted a lighter one for fine work that would be less tiring to use for extended periods.

Materials: head is Figured Maple; handle is Goncalo Alves

Dimensions: 10.25" overall; Head is 3.75" long and 3.25" diameter at the top with a slight taper; 14.75oz / 420g

The handle has a 2.75" tenon fitted into a 7/8" mortice drilled with a forstner bit. Sanded to 400, then polished with Ford's NovaSilk, then three coats of Castelin's OB Shine Juice. The top of the head is slightly dished so that it will stand on its head easily.

Overall I'm fairly please with it but did find the curly Maple a bit prone to chipping with the grain in spindle orientation. Realized I was a bit rusty with the skew chisel and I was more pleased with the balance and proportions before a nasty catch while rounding over the top shoulder of the head required shortening the head by an inch and a quarter. Ah well, just need to do less chores around the house and turn more.

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