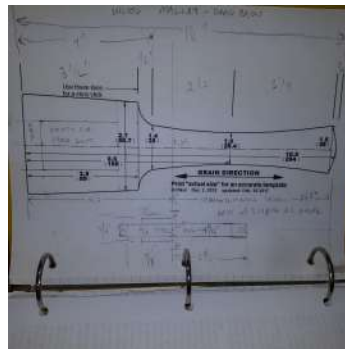


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I'm always looking for new things to try and this sounded like a lot of fun. I googled "Turners mallets" and came up with one that I liked that fortunately came with a full scale plan. I took the idea of a separate handle with a steel rod for reinforcement from the original challenge and modified the drawing. I also turned it into a dead blow by hollowing the head and adding about a 1/2 pound of split shot stinkers. Aesthetically I added the Celtic knot, handle, and head plug in a contrasting wood. Finish is 3 coats of tung oil.

I think it came out pretty well except that it sounds like an adult rattle. Next time I'll use sand.

Materials are a hard maple glue up, Zebrano handle, Celtic knot, and plug, lead stinkers.

Tech specs are about 10" long, head tapers from 3 to 2 3/4, handle is slightly on the small size but i have small hands so it works for me. Finished weight is about 20 oz.

I havent hit anything with it but when I grab it and swing it I find myself choking up a bit to balance it.

Anyways, pics are kind of in the order that things went. Plan with modifications penciled in, in progress, finished.

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