

My original submission for the rolling pin contest was going to be the rolling siblings, Knotty Boy and Twisted Sister. Pic attached.



When I had to choose only 1, I went with twisted sister and the name just stuck with no explanation.

The inspiration came from Canadian woodworking.

<https://www.canadianwoodworking.com/plans-projects/artisan-rolling-pin>

I decided to put my own twist? on it by doing 7 segments. From the outside across it is maple, walnut, maple, cherry, maple, walnut, maple. Handles are cherry. All the pieces were approximately $3/4 \times 3 \times 16$ so the total glue up came to about $5 \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times 16$. I then cut a 3 in wide blank on an angle from corner to corner. That gets me a $3 \times 3 \times 15$ ish piece to turn and produce the twist. Other than that it is done as the article. It wound up being a 13 in rolling surface with 4in handles so approximately 21 in long by $2 \frac{7}{8}$ diameter. I think next time i would do a 9 piece glue up to get more angle and therefore twist effect.

The european style Knotty Boy is maple with 3 overlapping Celtic knots of walnut, cherry, walnut. I overlapped them by 50% but when you see the actual pin, it gets kind of busy looking. I think next time I would do 3 separate knots without the overlap.

Anyway, it wound up being 20 in long with a $12 \times 1 \frac{3}{4}$ in rolling area and a 4 in taper to $3/4$ in at each end.

Finish on both is 3 coats of olive oil. I spun them up pretty fast and buffed with a microfiber cloth. It actually developed a satin finish instead of just flat.

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