

10 STEPS TO SHRINK POT SUCCESS

1. Cut a fresh branch, of suitable diameter and length.
2. Clamp and drill a large hole through the middle, eg 25mm.
3. Using a knife if small diameter pot, or incannel gouge and mallet if larger, open up the hole till your left with a wooden tube with an even wall thickness of around 6mm.
4. Clean up the inside walls with a hook knife leaving a wall thickness of around 5mm.
5. Chose one end to be the bottom of the pot and draw a line 10mm from the end.
6. Using a croze tool (or knife) cut a groove along the line draw in step 5 above, 2 to 3mm deep.
7. On a thin piece of very dry wood, draw round the inside of the shrink pot.
8. Cut out the disk shape with a saw, refine the shape close to the lines with a knife and chamfer disk edges.
9. Keep trying the disk in the bottom of the shrink pot until you can only just, but very carefully push in place with thumbs.
10. Leave to dry for a minimum of two weeks for the pot to dry and shrink onto the dry base disk.

The following is a list and links to five UK tool makers that I thoroughly recommend, you will have used tools from all these makers during your course with Forge Ways and I use these tools daily.

Gary Hackett - www.garyhackett.co.uk

Dave Budd - www.davebudd.com

Ben Orford - www.benandloisorford.com

Nic Westermann — www.nicwestermann.co.uk

Robin Wood - www.wood-tools.co.uk