

Finding a way to present your tools in a handy holder close to the lathe is a challenge with as many solutions as there are turners.

For my Jet 1236, I saw an opportunity and used it. The Jet has a short piece of bed on the left side of the rotating head stock for the banjo. If you use the head in the “normal” position, the detent knob acts as a handy block above the bed to provide a mounting function for a tool holder board. See attached pic.

I store the tool holder under the lathe and put it into place for use. The gap under the rails wasn't exactly the right thickness, so I shimmed the board with a thin piece of particle board.

This is an old photo. I have a lot more tools now, so I also have a lot of pieces stored in holes in that board under the lathe (on which the chuck is sitting). The screwdriver is a home-made thin parting tool. I love turning outside. The lathe is on wheels which raises it to the right height for me and makes it portable. I can pile on sand bags if I need extra weight. And yes, most of that old wood pile went into recycling. I've learned better preservation methods.

It works for me.

