

February 11, 2021 – Theo Haralampou – goblet with eccentric stem

“Theo the Woodturner” is the new Rock Star of the IRD world. His Friday night (EST) free demos sponsored by UK equipment manufacturer Record Power are broadcast via Zoom from his home in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. They have risen exponentially in popularity, with literally thousands of viewers tuning in worldwide. His philosophy is that life is too short, so we should enjoy the journey, share with others, and leave something to show we were here. I couldn't have said it better myself. I highlighted Theo in the “Video View” column in the December 2020 MCW *Turning Journal*, so some of this information will be a repeat. Here is his website: <https://www.woodturner.com.au/>



Theo is a fun guy, a dedicated and talented teacher full of tips, and an experienced and safe turner. He does pushups at the end of the show if he accidentally violated any safety rules. Gotta love it. His projects are varied, interesting, and instructive. He is careful to describe what tools he is using, and exactly what he is doing with them, better than most turners I've watched. I have asked him to demonstrate his goblet with an eccentric stem for us because it requires a lot of precise work with a spindle gouge, has some interesting chucking, and leads to a nice product.

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Goblet with eccentric stem

This is an exercise in goblet making combined with off-centre turning. I have very simple and clear steps which set out how to get a balanced off-set which is pleasing to the eye.