Oil Based Wipe-on Poly Finishing

- 1. Wood preparation
 - a. Smooth surface
 - i. Tooling and or cabinet scraper
 - ii. Sand to 400-600 grit sandpaper
 - iii. Steel wool #4
 - b. Clean surface with
 - i. Compressed air
 - ii. Clean surrounding area (lathe, overhead cabinets and floor)
 - iii. Drapes over lathe bed
 - iv. Clean work with denatured alcohol
- 2. Sanding sealer (Zinsser Bulls Eye, Seal Coat Universal Sanding Sealer)
 - a. 1-3 coats in and out (varies with species of wood)
 - i. Small opening you can pour and drain thin coat
 - b. Technique
 - i. Apply with quality brush, lite even coat
 - ii. Dries in 30-40 minutes
 - iii. Sand with 400 grit, steel wool and air clean
 - iv. Repeat 2-3 coats on external surface
 - v. Let dry completely (varies with temperature and humidity)
- 3. Wipe on Poly (Minwax or Watco, high gloss) * I wear a chemical protective mask
 - a. Apply thin coat of poly with blue paper towel or lint free cloth
 - b. Wait two hours in well-ventilated area, may vary
 - c. Sand with 600-1000 grit paper (determine if you need steel wool)
 - d. Clean with air and OH *you may wish to leave lathe on a low speed for drying 50 RPM or less (speed up the process)
 - e. Repeat for a high gloss protective finish, 2-3 coats minimum

For those that may want a satin finish start with high-gloss, last coat or two use satin wipe on (high gloss has better adhesion properties.

- 4. Final protective High Gloss Finish
 - a. Again sand with 1000 grit wet/dry paper
 - b. Air clean
 - c. Apply Meguiar's Ultimate polishing comp (may not need in every situation)
 - i. This removes and fine dust particles with scratching surface
 - d. Apply Meguiar's Deep Crystal Carnuba wax
 - i. Apply as if waxing your car and buff with fine cloth

Your done!