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## ROLLING PIN

The body of a traditional rolling pin is 250 to 300 mm long and 50 to 75 mm diameter. The handles, which may rotate or be fixed, extend for about 90 mm from each end. Rolling pins may be made from marble, stainless steel, glass, plastic, or wood. The wood is best if it is heavy and waxy.


Mount a 460 mm long by 70 mm square piece of wood between centres. This project is planned to be completed between centres. If you wish to use a chuck to hold the wood then you should either change the plan to a shorter rolling pin or start with longer wood.


Turn the total length of the wood down to 60 mm diameter. Sand the part which is to be the body of the rolling pin to remove all tool marks.


Turn the handles down to 30 mm diameter and then add a little shape. Sand both handles to a good finish. Sand the body of the rolling pin to a good finish. The last sanding should be lengthwise along the rolling pin. You may wipe on a food-safe finish or leave the wood clean.


Gently cut down the handle ends. Sand and finish these curves. Part off both ends either on the lathe or using a saw at the workbench. Sand and finish the ends.


