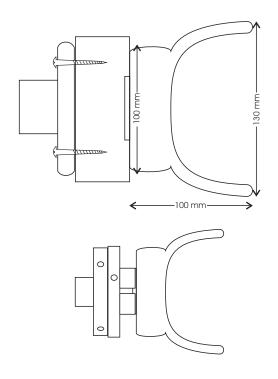


## Mortar and Pestle

Both the mortar (bowl) and pestle (stirrer) should be made from hard, fine-grained, wood. The mortar needs to be thick and with even curves. The pestle should be comfortable to hold and have a flattish bottom with well rounded edges for the best grinding results.



Turn the mortar as you would any small bowl, but keep it at least 10 mm thick. A bowl of this size can be screwed to a faceplate and parted off.

Or a spigot and scroll chuck can be used with the spigot removed later just as with a small bowl.

A dovetail is not recommended as this would result in a hollow base where thick wood is needed.

The measurements shown are a suggestion only. The diameter of the base should be suitable for a hand to grip when the mortar is being used.

Start the pestle between centres and then change to a scroll chuck. This will allow you to part off at the top end of the pestle and give the rounded working end a nice sanded finish.

Take care with the length and weight distribution in the pestle - it must be comfortable to hold and must not tip out of the mortar.

