

## **Body**

- Rough cut 5 x 5 x ¾ stock
- Carefully mark center line for dowel on pattern
- Use 2" hole saw
- Mark for dowel if using ¾" stock then center is 3/8" - also mark where dowel will enter the opposite side of the 2" hole. This has to perfectly centered so the rattles will move freely.
- Use attached pattern to cut design
- Use 1/4" brad point bit for dowel hole

## **Rattles**

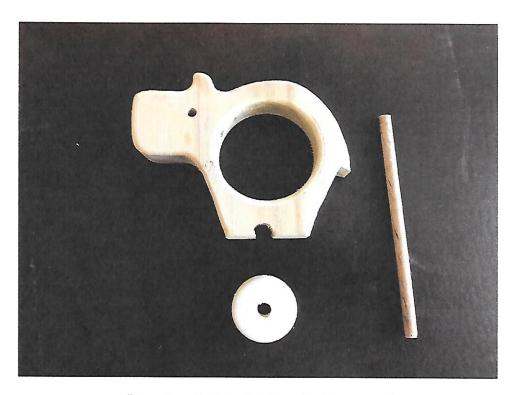
- Use 3/8" stock of contrasting wood
- Use 1 ½" hole saw
- Use pen mandrel with spacers on lathe to roundover edges then sand smooth.
- Use 9/32" bit to enlarge hole so rattle will slide easily on dowel.

## **Finish**

SAND - SAND - SAND

Don't forget who will be playing with this. Sand to at least 220. Round over edges with 1/8 router bit. Check for pointed edges and then re-sand.

I use two heavy coats of mineral oil. You don't have to use the oil. I think it softens the wood more and makes it smoother. Let first coat soak in and buff off excess. Then, apply a second and repeat. This must cure for at least one week before it is given as a gift.



Body / Rattle / Dowel

