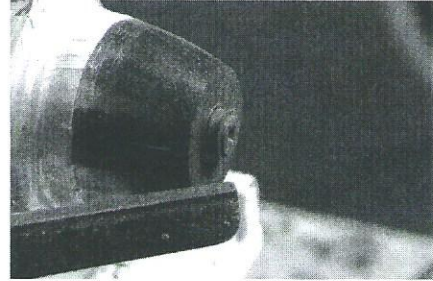


finish the bottom. When you get close to the center you will need to back off the live center and lightly cut that little nubbin off of the turning. Don't break it off, you will make a hole in the bottom of your vessel.



I am using the clear wrapping tape here to protect the finished area because I will be spraying lacquer on the freshly sanded portion and I don't want



the intersection to be visible when finished.

Here is some after thoughts. If your wood has a wavy grain or otherwise distinctive grain which makes a noticeable difference between the top and the bottom you can hide this by making a slight round over at the joint. This will result in a rounded "V" at the joint. You could make a couple of these to hide the joint. The curving at the joint will pull your eye away from or hide the discrepancy in the grain.

The sliding joint does not leave room for a built up finish. This project is best made out of some very nice hard wood which you buff up on a Beall system. If you are going to use a build up finish like varnish you will want to make room for it prior to removing the bottom from the chuck for finishing turning the bottom. You know what you are going to use, so make the sliding fit area just a little bigger, then turn it over and finish the bottom.

If you are going to use this as a glue joint, I suggest using the minimum amount of yellow glue and putting it only on the inside bottom of the bottom half of the sliding joint, that way any squeeze out will be on the inside and not seen. The glue will stain the joint line, CA glue is the worst!