



# PETER'S WHEEL

Inspired by a visit to an annual Timber Boat Show, Peter Charlton determined that his passion for wood-working and woodturning would not be satisfied until he made a proper ship's wheel.

There are many designs out there, but instead Peter set about taking lots of photos at the Boat Show and then designing his own. In fact Peter recalls that it took a lot of thinking and planning - much more time than actually turning.

The wheel is made of a number of components, but broken down to a small number of parts that have to be reproduced lots of times.



It is basically just like a cart wheel but with spokes sticking out past the rim.

So, a central hub is made with 8 notches to fit the spokes, then 8 identical carved (turned) spokes are made and they are connected by the rim, which is then reinforced on each side. The central spoke is also covered on each side—**AND WHAMMO, YOU HAVE A SHIP WHEEL!** Simple?

Peter's wheel attracted a lot of attention at the November 2019 Show.

