

Resources for Disabled Woodturners

The article “Turning for Other than a Standup Guy” in the June 2014 issue of *Woodworker’s Journal* magazine provided instructions for building an adjustable bench for your lathe. Here are some more resources for woodturners who cannot stand for long periods of time.

Wheelchair Woodworker: <http://wheelchairwoodworker.net>

Created by Bob Fleege, a woodworker who began the site to chronicle the construction of his wheelchair-accessible shop, this site covers projects he’s done to make his shop more accessible, and more.

Wheelchair Woodturners: http://www.wheelchairwoodturners.org.uk/polaris_dvsl_lathe.htm

A British site set up as a workshop and organization to help and advise woodturners who are disabled or have limitations.

HandiHelp: www.handihelp.net

A website that contains simple ideas and adaptive equipment that are either inexpensive to purchase or cost little make. Run by Rich Fabend, profiled in the *Woodworker’s Journal* eZine, here.

<http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/Ezine/Articles/Rich-Fabend-of-HandiHelp-Adaptive-Options-for-Wood-9567.aspx>

Homemade Lathe Stand: <http://www.woodturnersresource.com/wrphotopost/showphoto.php?photo=5644&title=special-lathe-stand&cat=502>

This discussion forum features the construction of a homemade sit-down lathe stand.

Oneway Sit Down Lathe: <http://www.oneway.ca/lathes/1236SDlathe.htm>

Lathe manufacturer Oneway has created the 1236SD, a lathe designed to be used while sitting down.

Robust Independence Lathe: <http://www.turnrobust.com/PDF's/Indy%20One%20Pager.pdf>

Robust Tools has designed the Independence Lathe for the seated turner.

Vicmar® VL200 Sit Down: <http://www.vicmarc.com/default.asp?contentID=718>

Lathe manufacturer Vicmarc has created the VL200, a lathe designed for use while sitting down.