

Table Top Roulette: A simple and family friendly game to turn on the lathe

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Basic concept: The game uses a spinning top to propel round beads on a concave floor that has holes to capture the some or all of the beads.



“Over the years I have made several versions of this game. Some have been more involved than others. I have given many as gifts and even sold a few. I will demonstrate the basic steps required to construct the game and discuss the principles on the ideal shapes for the spinning top.”

Kris will demonstrate how to construct this game from two pieces of 1 x 8 lumber cut into squares. Using one piece to turn the ‘arena’ and the other piece to create an outer ‘stadium’ wall. There are minimal tools required and the skill level required is fairly basic. This makes a fun game that can sit around on any end table to play with whenever you want!



Kris will not be turning the spinning top, however, he will be discussing the aspects of the spinning top that seem to have the most success in propelling the beads around the arena floor. The objective of the stadium wall is to keep the beads bouncing back to the middle and not off the edge of the arena.