

Modular handled micro spindle set

Mark Baker discovers how this set with interchangeable blades allows you to turn fine and intricate spindle pieces

This Modular handled micro spindle set forms part of Sorby's range of handled modular tools and have been very well received by the turning community. We have looked at a few of these items within the range here, and found them to perform very impressively.

In use

The set comprises a 13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) gouge (a nice u-type flute which makes it ideal as a spindle roughing gouge), 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) skew, 4mm ($\frac{5}{32}$ in) beading/parting tool and also comprises a slick anodised aluminium handle, which can be used across the whole tool range.

This is, in my opinion, an excellent set for pen turners and small scale turning enthusiasts – although I would

suggest adding a 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) or 10mm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in) spindle gouge to fully explore small scale turnings effectively.

The tools are M2 HSS and triple tempered, as with all Sorby tools and sharpen and hold an edge well. The 12mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) gouge makes light work of the initial shaping for pens etc and the other tools are good for cleaning up, detailing and parting off.

Verdict

These tools are well balanced and perform as Sorby tools always do, excellently. Not all turners have big lathes and these are, as I previously mentioned, ideal for pen turners and small scale turning enthusiasts. All in all, they are definitely worth a look, and I think these are small turning tools with a big heart.



DETAILS

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Prices: (prices inc VAT)

Modular handled micro spindle set £33.95

Modular micro 13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) gouge £11.95

Modular micro 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) skew £9.95

Modular micro 4mm ($\frac{5}{32}$) beading and parting tool . . £9.95

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