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I used the following website as a guideline:

<http://www.eclecticguy.com/2009/04/06/birch-bark-fly-rod-grip/>

I don't have a lathe so I converted my drill press into a vertical lathe. The picture below shows the grip in the lathe with tree coats of Tung Oil. The link above used Tru-oil and tung oil. I am only going to use tung oil. The mandrill is a quarter inch threaded rod with a coupling nut super glued to the top. The bottom passes through a radial bearing press fit into a 2 x 6. Also, I used a wood chisel to rough the shape and various grits of sand paper, 40 grit to 330 grit, to finish. I use scotch brite between coats of tung oil. I've enjoyed the project and since I have enough birch bark for another grip, I will probably make another one.

Don

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