

**A L A N   S T I R T**  
**W O O D T U R N E R**

## **Sources of Supply**

Sanding Discs - For high speed sanding with Velcro-backed sanding discs I use discs from:

Industrial Abrasives  
642 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Box 14955  
Reading, PA 19612  
[www.industrialabrasives.com](http://www.industrialabrasives.com)  
(I use their Rhynogrip Discs)

These are not the cheapest around but they last longer than any others I have tried, especially for high speed sanding. Now available as sheets (to cut your own discs) at a big discount.

Pneumatic Carving Tools - The reciprocating air tools are from:

Trow & Holden  
45 South Main Street  
Barre, VT 05641  
802-476-7221 or 1-800-451-4349

I use the "Barre Short Stroke Pneumatic Carving Tool: Type B" in both the 3/4" size & the Bantam size.

Surplus Vacuum Pumps - this catalog usually has at least one vacuum pump suitable for turning. I like a rotary vane vacuum pump with at least 4 CFM at 0 PSI.

Surplus Center  
1015 West "O" Street  
P.O. Box 82209  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2209

Try eBay also. I recently bought a new 10 cfm pump on eBay for about 1/2 the current price.

Structured Carbide Sanding Drums and Carbide Burs

Wood Carvers Supply Inc., 1-800-284-6229. [www.woodcarverssupply.com](http://www.woodcarverssupply.com)  
Also good for carving tools.

Carving tools – for hand & power carving; good selection of burs, hand & power carving tools

Mountain Heritage Crafters- [www.mhc-online.com](http://www.mhc-online.com)

Foam for vacuum chucks etc.- "Foamies" from Michael's Art Supply stores. Also found as "Playfoam" or "Fun Foam" – kids use it to cut out animal shapes etc.