

"The Art of the Peppermill"

Although peppermills have been around for a very long time, there have been improvements in the mechanisms and new designs that are attracting a lot of media attention along with the attention of connoisseurs interested in "haut niveau de moulin à poivre" (roughly, high-class peppermill).

The many cooking channels have helped in the comeback of the peppermill.

A peppermill is not only a useful table accessory, but it can be a functional work of art as well. While producing one that will actually work is not technically difficult, there are a number of details that must be considered in the proper order when making your first peppermill mechanism to fit into the body of the mill.

Design considerations which must be addressed as you explore your own creative desires.

Creating your own shape for the peppermill can be rewarding.

Custom designs bring your work to a new plane as it becomes art instead of just a functional kitchen item.

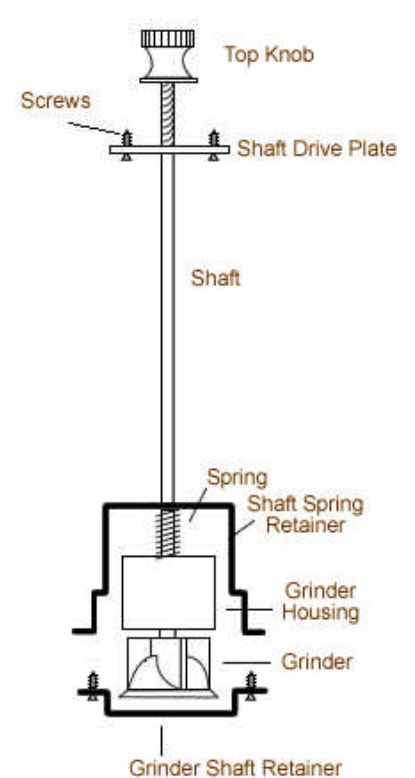
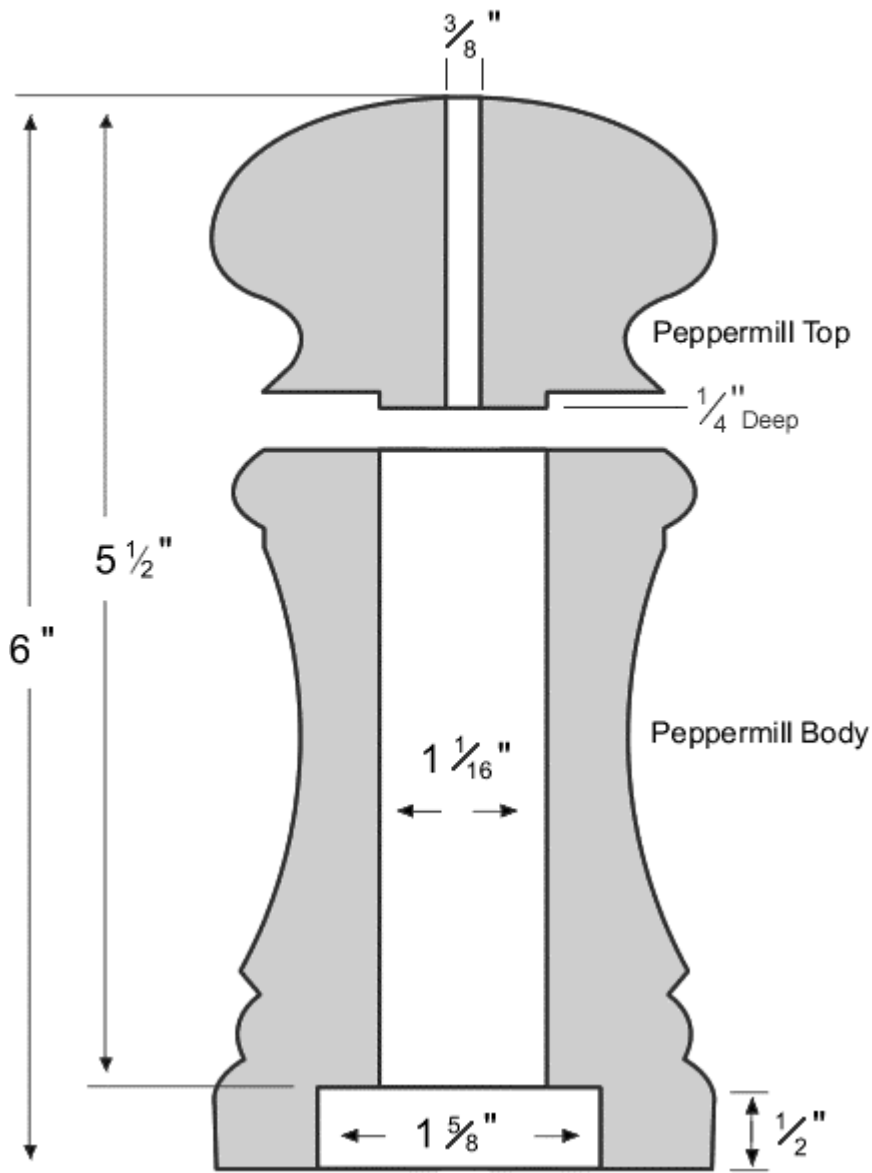
Peppermills make a great gift for a wedding, a birthday, a holiday, or just about any occasion. A hand crafted peppermill will be cherished for a very long time and your cost will be a lot less than you would pay for a department store gift.

I became interested in peppermills when I heard about: Eighty-seven year old "Pinky" Martin developing his own style, sent one to the very popular Sara Molton on the Food Network. Sara then gave one to Oprah Winfrey on her live television show. Pinky was flooded with orders and had to quit taking orders because booked up for three years in advance for his custom designed peppermills that sell for \$250 each.

My peppermills haven't taken off like Pinky's but I have enjoyed creating different designs and creating "one of a kind" "pieces of art"

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6" Peppermill Plan



- ✍ Peppermill mechanisms can be purchased at Rockler Store in South Portland, or most any woodturning supply company.
- ✍ Kits range from 4" to 24" But can be adjusted to size as needed simply by cutting the shaft to the length needed.
- ✍ The shape is limited only to your imagination.
- ✍ The above illustration is for a 6" mill. The center measurements $1\frac{1}{16}$ ", $1\frac{5}{8}$ " & $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep tenon & $\frac{3}{8}$ " hole through the top always remain the same.