tailstock support, be sure to cut with only light pressure.

2 With the lathe set to 1,000 rpm, use a ½” bowl gouge to true up the edge of the lamp blank. For a clean, controlled cut, ride the bevel on the wood behind the cutting edge as shown in Photo B. Taking a light cut, push the gouge across the work.

3 With the flute facing the wood, take a light scraping cut to true up the face of the blank, pulling the gouge from the center of the blank to the outside edge (Photo C).

4 To drill the hole for the oil bottle, secure a 1½” Forstner bit in a Jacob’s chuck and mount it in the tailstock. Using the oil bottle as a guide, mark the depth to be drilled on the bit using a felt-tip pen (Photo D Inset). Now slide the tailstock forward until the drill bit is near the wood and lock it into position. Reduce the lathe speed to 300 rpm and turn the tailstock handwheel to advance the drill bit into the rotating wood (Photo D). Stop when the bit has reached the depth marked on the drill bit.