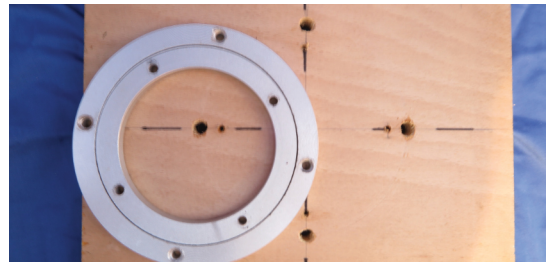


How to make a tabletop turntable

The first decision to make is how big? The second decision is to do with your toolbox and skill set - rectangular is easier than round. If really stuck, do the rounds of charity shops and look for a 'lazy susan', I couldn't find one so resorted to making a rectangular one.



A search on Amazon for lazy susan will show one the same as mine in a variety of different sizes, select the one that suits your needs. Cut two pieces of wood (I used 18mm plywood for no better reason than I had some) to the same size, larger than the turntable. Mark up the start position. Screw the inner ring to the base. I put washers between the turntable and the base to allow rotation. You will now see that you can't access the other screw holes so, use tape to prevent the outer ring from moving then you can carefully drill a small hole through the base in the centre of each of the outer screw holes, all the way through.



Unscrew the turntable and clamp your two pieces of wood together, carefully aligned. Using the small holes in the base as a guide, drill into the top piece, not all the way though, just so you can get the screw started in the hole. Unclamp the wood! On the base piece you will now have to drill those small holes out to be big enough for the whole of the screw, including the head, to pass through. Re-attach the turntable.



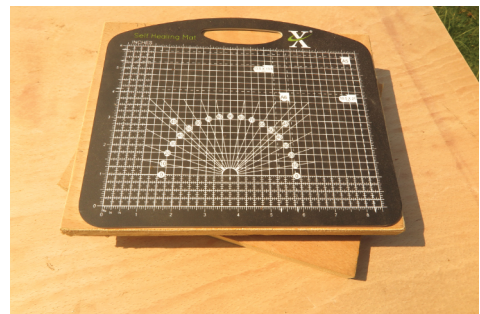
Put the top piece on your worksurface so the holes are uppermost and put a washer round each hole. Now comes the tricky bit, you need to turn the base over so the turntable is underneath, then line up the holes in the base with the holes in the outer ring and lower gently over the top piece so you can screw the two together.

If it does not rotate then check the screws are fully home and not snagging on the top. Should you find that it rotates too easily then drill a hole through the top so you



can push a nail through to act as a brake.

You can even use the turntable for craft work if you have time after all



the bonsai work.