Subject: So you want some expensive cone feet?
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I have stored in the junk drawer of my mind an article about using drill presss and sandpaper to make wheels for toys.I needed an 1 1/2" round cylinder for a knob so I tried it. 80 grit on a sanding block barely made a dent in the Macassar Ebony I tried.So I got out the belt sander! Vroom, vroom.With the drill press spinning at 1900 RPM all I had to do was lay the sander on the table (it's sides are right on 90^ to the belt) and lightly hold the running belt against the spinning wood. In about 10 seconds I had a perfectly round cylinder.After such a good result I tilted the drill press table to 45^ and proceeded to "turn" some cones from Ebony, Padauk and Cocobolo. No problem.Who needs a lathe?