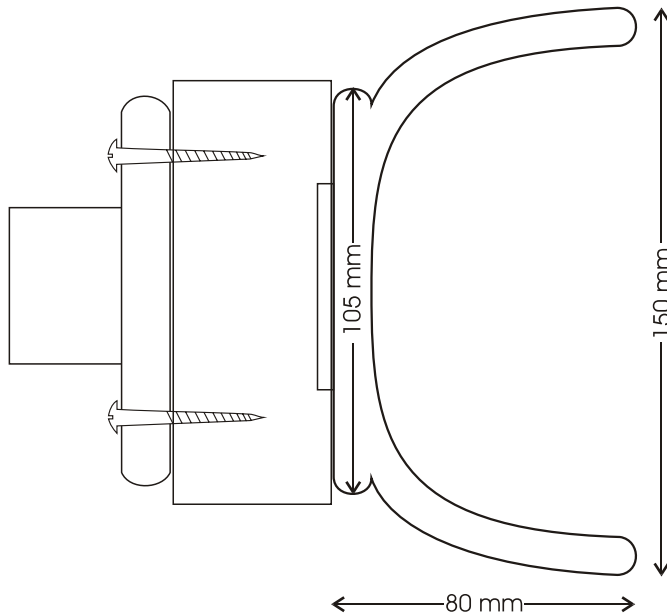


Mortar and Pestle

Both the mortar (bowl) and pestle (stirrer) should be made from hard, fine-grained, wood. The mortar needs to be thick and with even curves. The pestle should be comfortable to hold and have a flattish bottom with well rounded edges for the best grinding results.



Turn the mortar as you would any small bowl, but keep it at least 10 mm thick. A bowl of this size can be screwed to a faceplate and parted off. Or a spigot and scroll chuck can be used. A dovetail is not recommended as this would result in a hollow base where thick wood is needed.

Start the pestle between centres and then change to a scroll chusk. This will allow you to part off the bottom end of the pestle and give it a nice sanded finish.

