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Rim-gripping chuck makes easy work of bowl bottoms

The last step when turning a bowl, platter, or hollow urn is to transform the tenon on the bottom into a finished base. But it can be tricky to hold a workpiece by its delicate rim. Woodline's Longworth-style face chuck grasps and holds these projects with eight rubber fingers, either inside or outside the rim.

This chuck works differently from accessory jumbo jaws available for most four-jaw chucks in two time- and work-saving ways. First, the fingers self-center the workpiece at the necessary diameter. And second, this chuck mounts directly into any chuck's standard #2 jaws, thanks to a 2¼" steel tenon on its back side. So you don't need to replace the jaws on your chuck when you're finished turning the vessel to shape.

One drawback, though: The fingers attach to the chuck face with wing nuts on the back side (*bottom photo*), which can't close up tighter than the diameter of the chuck. Woodline also makes this chuck in 12", 14", 16", 20", and 24" diameters, with each chuck's maximum capacity 2" less than its diameter.

—Tested by Dick Mueller,
a five-decade furnituremaker
and woodturner



10" Longworth-style lathe chuck, #RM10LW

Performance	★★★★☆
Price	\$130

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