

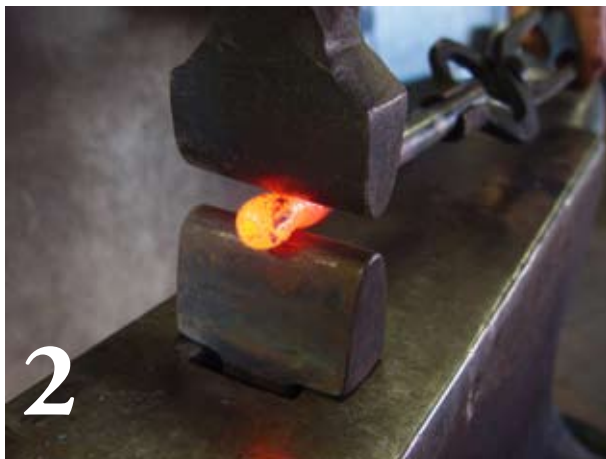
# Forged Gumnut

a step-by-step guide by Paul Mills

A bunch of gumnuts are the perfect companion to a branch of gum leaves and they're not that hard to do. One simple way to make them is using tube, and for this demo, I'm using a piece that's 17mm outer diameter and 12mm inner diameter which forges up a nice little nut.



Take a heat on the end of the tube and forging at the front face of the anvil, forge a very sharp taper, to close in the end of the tube somewhat. Work all sides to maintain the round shape.



With another heat, neck in the tube using top and bottom fullers to isolate the stem from the nut. Rotate the tube to work all sides.



Take another heat and forge down the stem further isolating the nut.



Refine the shape of the nut on the anvil's edge.





Take another heat and forge the stem to square, then round up on the horn of the anvil.



At a good heat, hot cut using the hardy.



Holding the nut, forge the rest of the cut stem to size and shape.



If all has gone well, your finished gumnut should look something like this.

Now get out there and show us your nuts!



Gumnuts are rounded and hollow. They occur on short stems close to the forks of twigs whereas the leaves grow on the end of the twig.

Although there are varieties of large gumnuts, they are generally no larger than a thumbnail.

