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it in person. If you are ordering it, a “side” will usually generate enough leather for almost two chairs. While you are ordering, also get a side of “veg tan” to make the belting and strapping for the chairs, which also will yield enough belts for everyone in a Catholic family at Christmas.

Spin the Wood

You don’t need a lot of wood to make a Roorkee, but the grain needs to be straight. Oak, ash or mahogany are all good traditional choices. The chairs also look smart in walnut or black cherry.

I always turn the legs before making the stretchers or the back pieces. Why? If I ruin a leg on the lathe, it can be converted to a stretcher or a back piece.

Square up the four leg blanks and mark a cabinetmaker’s triangle on the bottom of the feet. The point of the triangle should point forward toward the front of the chair. This triangle will guide you throughout construction. It will prevent you from making errors when boring holes. Skip this step at your own peril.