

Instructions for the Elephant Pen Inlay Kit (Sierra Pen)

We're going to start by making sure all pieces are included and none are broken. If there are any missing or broken pieces, call or e-mail Ken at (702) 523-9236 or kallenshaan@cox.net to get replacements. Even if you didn't purchase your inlay kit directly from Kallenshaan Woods, use this contact info as our vendors don't carry replacement parts. Also, if a piece doesn't seem to fit well, use this contact info for a replacement or solution. Don't glue in a piece if it doesn't look right.

The Elephant inlay kit has a total of 14 pieces. I've numbered the pieces in order of assembly so we'll start by sliding the brass tube from your pen kit into the curly maple background barrel. Insert the pieces and secure with the supplied elastic bands as needed. There are 6 toenail pieces that are attached to a "tree". They can be popped out from behind and inserted in place one at a time for the best results. No glue will be used until all of the pieces are in position. Carefully slide out the brass tube and apply thin CA glue to all of the seams using a disposable artists brush. You can either scrape off the elastic bands once the glue has set up or turn them away while on the lathe.

Now we'll glue the brass tube into the blank. Check the fit of the tube as you might have to lightly sand the inside of the blank for a good fit.

If you do, wrap a small dowel with 100G sandpaper or purchase our sanding mandrel (specifically designed for this) from our website for \$7.00 and sand the inside of the barrel until the tube fits smoothly. Use 2-part epoxy to glue in the brass tube. Make sure the tube is perfectly centered so there's the same amount of space on either end. Once the glue has cured, sand the ends flush with the brass tube using a belt or disc sander. Don't use a barrel trimmer. Now you can mount the blank on the lathe for final turning and finishing. Apply whatever finish you're comfortable with as they all work well with these inlay kits. E-mail me at kallenshaan@cox.net with any thoughts or ideas regarding this or any of our other kits.

