

Instructions for the Texas Flag Mesquite Inlay Kit (Sierra/Bolt Action)



Check to make sure you have a total of 5 pieces in your kit which will include a Mesquite background barrel.

The first thing we're going to do is brush a thin bead of CA glue (thin) along the edges of the Holly piece #3 to prevent any possibly bleeding of the blue or red into the Holly. Now we'll slide the brass tube from the pen kit inside the Mesquite barrel. Do not glue. Insert piece #2 into the cutout in the barrel making sure the star is oriented the same way as in the drawing below. You might notice a slightly better fit if you flip this piece 180 degrees so try both positions. Temporarily secure this with one of the supplied elastic bands. Now insert the white piece on top and the red piece on the bottom and secure with another elastic band. Carefully press the star in place, then remove the brass tube and flood all of the seams with thin CA (Cyanocrylate) glue.

Don't worry about the elastic bands as they will easily turn away once the piece is 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 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.

