

Instructions for the Poodle Pen Inlay Kit



The Poodle inlay kit has a total of 16 pieces. Some are quite small so the best way to start is to lay out the pieces on a clean work area and using the drawing at the bottom of this instruction sheet as a guide, make sure you've got all the pieces. We'll be assembling the pieces in numerical order. We'll start by position Piece #1 inside the curly maple barrel followed by piece #2. Once these two pieces are positioned, slide the brass tube into the barrel. Piece #3, (front leg and paw) requires a fair bit of pressure to force it in place. Start by positioning the paw in place and press the rest of the piece up until it snaps into position. Put the ear, Piece #4 in place and secure with the supplied elastic bands.

Fig#1 shows you what your tube should look like up to this point. Next insert the hind leg #5. Do this the same way as you did with piece #3 seating the paw and then pressing upward until the rest of the piece snaps into position. Next comes the tail #6 followed by #7 and #8 pieces. Continue inserting pieces in numeric order. Once you get to the blackwood eye pieces make sure the tiny slivers in the eye hole of the blackwood have fallen out.

If they haven't carefully poke them out with a small pin. Insert the .020" styrene rod in the holes trimming them flush with a pair of nail clippers. Now we can carefully slide the brass tube out of the barrel and flood all of the seams with thin CA glue. Set aside to cure. Now we'll glue the brass tube into the blank. Check the fit of the tube as you might

FIG. 1



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. E-mail me at kallenshaan@cox.net with any thoughts or ideas regarding this or any of our other kits.

