

Assembly Instructions for the Bear in the Canoe Inlay Kit



There are 8 pieces in this kit. Take a look at the picture to the left to make sure your kit isn't missing any pieces.

We're going to start this kit by wrapping the three scenery pieces (mountain, sky and water) around the brass tube (supplied with the pen kit) and temporarily securing these with the supplied elastic bands. Then slide the brass tube out. Make sure that everything is aligned properly and apply thin CA glue to the seams. Once dry, glue the left and right canoe pieces, then the bear and paddle in place all with thin CA. The last piece is the small triangle that fits between the bear and the paddle. Secure that also with thin CA. Go back and make sure all seams are flooded with thin CA.

Once the glue has completely cured we're going to glue in the brass tube. Check the fit to see if you need to sand the inside of the barrel for the brass tube to fit smoothly. If you do, wrap a piece of sandpaper (100G-150G) around a small dowel and sand the inside until the brass tube fits smoothly. Scuff up the brass tube with 100G sandpaper before gluing. I prefer 2-part epoxy to glue the brass tube in place. Never use polyurethane (Gorilla) glue with these inlay kits as the expansion while curing could seep through the glue joints of the inlay. Once all glue has cured, sand the ends flush to the brass tube (don't use a barrel trimmer) and mount on the lathe for final turning and finishing. Use the finish of your choice from a CA finish to a friction finish as they all work well with these inlay kits.

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