

Assembly Instructions for the Texas Map Inlay Kit



This kit is made using dyed red and blue Basswood and natural basswood for the star. The map has been preassembled to ensure an accurate fit. All that's left to do is insert the star. You'll notice there's a slight taper to it. Insert the small end first. Use thin CA glue liberally to secure the star and map to the blank.

Don't worry about the elastic band as we'll turn it away later 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, use a small dowel wrapped with 100g sandpaper. Make sure the brass tube is centered in the barrel. Use 2-part epoxy to glue in the brass tube. 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 for this as the wood is now too thin. Now you can mount the blank on the lathe for final turning. Apply whatever finish you're comfortable with as they all work well with the inlay kits.

E-mail me at kallenshaan@cox.net with any thoughts or ideas regarding this or any future inlay kits.