

Instructions for the Schoolbus Inlay Kit



This kit consists of 22 pieces of yellow, blue, green, gray and black dyed basswood. We'll start by wrapping pieces #1 and #2 around the brass tube from your pen kit (not included) and securing these with 2 of the supplied elastic bands. Now position #3, the schoolbus into place and secure with another elastic band. Position the remaining black and gray pieces in any order. Remove the brass tube from time to time and glue these pieces in place with thin CA glue as necessary to prevent them from falling out. Be careful not to get any glue in the recesses for any remaining pieces. Once all pieces are in position, flood all seams with thin CA glue and set aside to dry.

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

