

Assembly Instructions for the Fisherman Inlay Kit



We're going to start this kit by inserting brass tube from the pen kit into the pre-drilled blackwood blank. This will add structural support as you press the Bethlehem Olivewood fish into the recesses in the Blackwood blank. Insert the mouth of the fish in place first and then press the rest of the fish into position. Secure with the supplied elastic bands. Apply thin CA glue to all the seams to lock the fish in place.

Don't worry about the elastic bands as we'll turn them 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. 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. 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.

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