

# Instructions for the Thin Red Line American Flag Inlay Kit

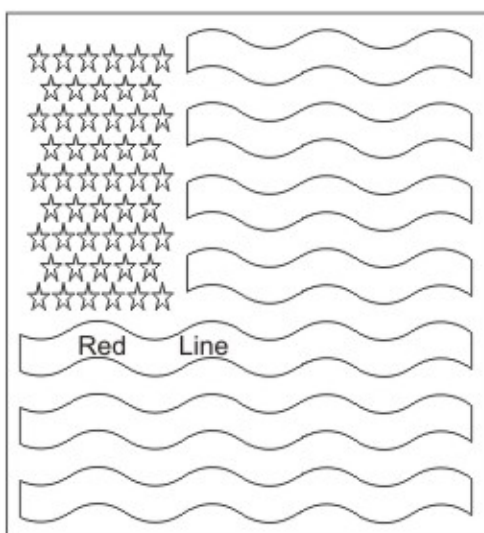


60 stars are included with the kit so you can afford to lose or break a few. Before you start inserting the stars, slide the brass tube from your pen kit into the black barrel. This will allow you to apply enough pressure to the stars without breaking anything. Pop the stars out from the back of their frame and insert them into the recesses in the barrel pressing them in as far as you can. Once all stars are in place, slide the brass tube out from the barrel and apply thin CA glue over all the stars being careful not to get any on the edges or in the recesses for the stripes.

Insert the 3 long and 4 short stripes in place now. Make sure the red stripe is located in the recess just under the stars. Secure the stripes with the supplied elastic bands and flood all of the seams with thin CA glue.

Now we'll glue the brass tube into the blank. Check the fit of the tube as you might have to sand the inside of the blank for the tube to 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.



  
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