

Assembly Instructions for the Parrot Pen Inlay Kit



We're going to start by gluing parts #9 and #11 together by aligning them up using the brass tube from your pen kit. Fig.1. Once they're tightly pressed together, take them off the tube and secure them with CA glue. Fig.2.



Next we're going to insert the brass tube into the maple barrel. Don't glue the brass tube in at this point. This just makes it easier to insert the individual pieces. Start by fitting in the piece you just glued together (#9 & #11) by sliding in the blue tail feathers first. Secure with one of the supplied elastic bands. Next will be the red head #1, turquoise breast piece #2 and then the smaller red head piece #3. Wrap another elastic band around these pieces. Next, insert the pink cheek piece #4, the smaller beige cheek piece #5, the eye #6, the black beak #7, the yellow beak piece #8, the small triangle #10 that fits in the recess in the black beak and finally the brown wooden pole #12. Next carefully slide out the brass tube and apply thin CA to the touching pieces that have been assembled.



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 wooden 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 other inlay kits.



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