

Assembly Instructions for the Caduceus Inlay Kit



We're going to start by sliding the brass tube inside the holly barrel. Now we'll start the assembly by inserting the spiralling snake part of the Caduceus symbol into the holly barrel. To do this you have to start by inserting either one of the snakes heads first and then rolling the symbol sideways until the other snake head can be pressed into position. You won't be able to fit this piece in by inserting the bottom first or the top first. It has to be done from side to side. Next we'll insert the top section of the staff (rod) in place. Add the 2 wing sections and secure with one of the supplied elastic bands.



We'll finally insert the 10 small triangle pieces to complete the assembly process. Next we'll slide the brass tube out and make sure all pieces are well seated within the holly body. At this point we'll flood all of the seams with thin CA glue. We'll now use 2-part epoxy to glue the brass tube into the barrel.

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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