

STEPS FOR FINISHING WOOD PEN BLANKS

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STEP #1

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAFETY GLASSES ON.

STEP #2

AFTER SANDING YOUR BLANKS, TAKE A PAPER TOWEL AND MAKE A PAD ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE END OF YOUR FINGER AT LEAST SIX LAYERS THICK. HOLD PAD AT ONE END OF YOUR BLANKS AND APPLY THIN C.A. GLUE TO BLANK AT HALF SPEED UNTIL PAD HAS ENOUGH GLUE ON IT TO SPREAD ACROSS BOTH BLANKS (DON'T CHASE PAD WITH GLUE BOTTLE) LET DRY OR SPRAY WITH ACTIVATOR.

STEP #3

REPEAT STEP #2 WITH ONE MORE COAT OF THIN C.A. GLUE AND THREE COATS OF MEDIUM C.A. GLUE ALTERNATING THE END YOU START FROM.

STEP #4

SLOW THE LATHE DOWN TO 500 TO 750 RPM. SAND THE BLANKS WITH 320 GRIT, LEVELING THE SURFACE UNTIL THE SHINY SPOTS ARE GONE AND LIGHTLY FOLLOW UP WITH 400 GRIT.

STEP #5

AFTER LEVELING RUN THROUGH THE MICROMESH KIT FROM 1500 GRIT TO 12000 GRIT FOLLOWING UP WITH MICROGLOSS.

STEP #6

SPEED THE LATHE UP TO 2000-3000 RPM AND TAKE CARNUBA WAX AND LIGHTLY RUB IT AGAINST THE LENGTH OF THE BLANKS SPARINGLY. THEN USE A CLEAN DRY CLOTH OR PAPER TOWEL WHILE LATHE IS STILL SPINNING AND BUFF.

YOU NOW HAVE THE MOST DURABLE GLOSS FINISH POSSIBLE, AND THE BLANKS ARE READY TO BE REMOVED FROM LATHE AND PEN KIT ASSEMBLED.