

Bracelet Helper



Needed:

Mandrel A, drill 5/16, bushing 8A

Preparing the blank

1. Cut the blank $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than the brass tube so you can square it off once the tube has been glued in.
2. Using a 5/16 drill, drill a hole lengthwise through the blank.
3. Scuff up the tube with sandpaper to clean off the oxidation and give the glue a better adhesion surface.
4. Plug the tube ends with a material of your choice – we recommend baseplate wax – to keep the glue from getting into the tube. Just push the ends of the tubes into a thin section of the material to form a plug.
5. Roll the tube in the glue and insert it into the blank with a twisting motion until it is equidistant between both ends of the blank.
6. Set aside until the glue has had time to reach its maximum strength.
7. When the glue has cured, use a hobby knife to remove the plugs

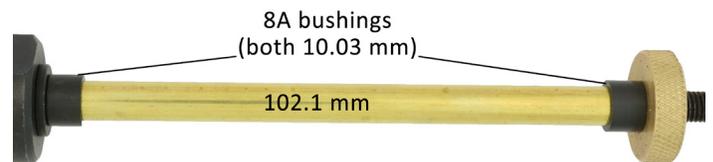
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from the ends.

8. Using a barrel trimmer of the proper size or the proper jigs and a disk sander, square off the ends of the blank until you can see bright brass tube.

Turning the blank



1. Assemble the blank and bushings on the mandrel. The bushings for this kit are just to hold the wood in place and are not for sizing purposes.
2. Tighten the tailstock before tightening the blank on the mandrel. This will centre the mandrel first. Then lightly tighten the nut that holds the blanks.
3. Turn the blank to the desired contour.
4. Sand the surface in progressive steps until you get to 400 or 500 grit. Sand using Micro Mesh up to 12,000 grit for a high polish finish. Use a finish of your choice.

Assembling the kit

1. Press in the finial (end cap).
2. Screw the clip holder cover onto the clip holder. Screw the finial on securely making sure it is centered on the blank.
3. Press into the other end.
4. Slide on the clip.

