

william wood-write

Perfume applicator instructions



Needed:

Mandrel A, drill 5/16, bushing 8A

Preparing the blanks

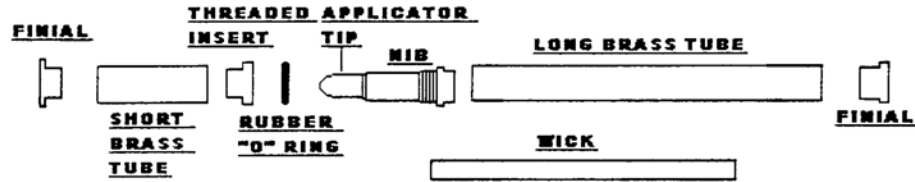
1. Cut wood to the length of the brass tubes, giving a little extra length for the facing of the blank after the tubes have been glued in.
2. Drill the blanks lengthwise with the 5/16 drill bit.
3. Scuff the brass tubes with sand paper to clean off the oxidation and give the glue a better adhesion surface.
4. Plug the ends of the tubes with a material of your choice – we recommend base plate wax – to keep the glue out of the inside of the tube. Just push the ends of the tubes into a thin section of the material, forming a plug. *This is important: glue inside the tubes is a common cause of kit failure.*
5. Prepare your glue. We recommend two part epoxy glue – use a fast drying type, one hour or less. Be sure to mix it thoroughly. Wax or baking paper or even a Post-it notepad all make excellent mixing surfaces. You can also use thick flexible CA glue, but you have to work quickly to get the tube all the way into the blank before the glue dries.
6. Roll the tube in the epoxy. Insert the tube with a twisting motion until it is almost entirely inside the blank. Then use a dowel or small stick to push it until the tube is equidistant between both ends of the blank. Repeat with the other blank.
7. Set aside until the epoxy has had time to reach its maximum strength.
8. When the glue has cured, use a hobby knife to remove the plugs from the ends.
9. Using a barrel trimmer of the proper size, square off the ends of the blanks until you can see bright brass tube. STOP at this point. This can also be done with the proper jig and a disk sander. *Not having the proper tube length is another common cause of kit failure.*

Turning the blanks

1. Put the wood and the bushings on the mandrel.
2. Tighten the tailstock before tightening the blanks on the mandrel. This will centre the mandrel first. Then tighten the nut that holds the blanks. Do not over-tighten or you risk bending your mandrel, causing your blanks to turn oval instead of round.
3. Turn the blanks to the desired contour, making sure that the area next to the bushing is turned to the size of the adjacent bushing.
4. After turning the blank, sand the surface in progressive steps until you get to 400 or 500 grit.

- Continue sanding with Micro Mesh through 12000 grit. Apply the finish of your choice and polish.
- Remove the blanks from the mandrel.

Assembling the parts



- Press finials into one end of each of the blanks
- On the short blank, press the threaded insert into the other end.
- Drop the wick (long, cotton filled straw) into the long blank.
- Press the nib into the other end of the long blank. It is a good idea to use a block of wood with a hole in it so the flange is flat on the wood.
- Insert the applicator tip.
- To fill the pen with perfume, dip the applicator tip while on the pen into the perfume bottle and hold for about a minute. The long white wick is usually mqj filled. This should last about one to two months of normal use.

Note:

The white applicator tip may be loose in the nib before filling. This is planned as the tip will swell when filled.

To clean or change perfume:

Remove the applicator tip and soak in pharmacy type alcohol (not hardware store wood alcohol).