## O'Canada! Maple Leaf Key Ring

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#### **Recommended Supplies:**

7mm Mandrel 27/64" Drill Bushing BUSH-127A

#### **Preparing the Blank:**

- 1. Cut the blank about 1/4" longer than the brass tube.
- 2. Drill the blank through the centre, lengthwise, with a 27/64" drill bit.
- 3. Scuff up the brass tube with sandpaper to give the glue a better surface to adhere to.
- 4. Plug the ends of the tube with a material of your choice we recommend baseplate wax to keep glue from getting into the tube. Push each end into a thin section of the material to form a plug. This is an important step. Glue inside tubes is a common cause of kit failure.
- 5. Roll the tube in glue (thick CA glue, or a 2-part epoxy).
- 6. Insert the tube into the blank with a twisting motion to spread the glue inside. The tube should be centred between the ends of the blank.
- 7. When the glue has cured, remove the plugs from the ends.
- 8. Square up the ends of the blank with a barrel trimmer or on a disc sander. STOP once you see the bright brass tube. Be careful not to shorten the tube.

#### **Turning the Blank:**

- 1. Assemble the blank on the mandrel using bushing set BUSH-127A.
- 2. Bring up the tailstock, lock it down, and tighten it against the mandrel. Be careful not to overtighten, as this can damage the mandrel or cause it to bend.



- 3. Turn the blank to your desired shape, using the bushings as a sizing guide.
- 4. Sand the surface of the blank in progressive steps and apply a finish of your choice.
- 5. Remove the blank and bushings from the mandrel.

### **Assembling the Kit:**

- 1. Lay out the parts according to the parts diagram below.
- 2. Press the **bottom finial** into either end of the tube.
- 3. Press the **top finial** into the other end of the tube.
- 4. Attach the ring to the top finial. Attach the key tag and carabiner to the ring.



