

Basics Safety Razor



Needed:

Mandrel A, 7 mm drill, bushing BUSH-RAZ-SAF-2

This razor kit is designed to be used with Safety-style blades. NO blade or refill is provided with the kit.

Preparing the blank

1. Cut the blank $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than the brass tube so you can square it off.
2. Drill the blank lengthwise with a 7 mm drill bit.
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. *This is important: glue inside the tubes is a common cause of kit failure.*
5. Roll the tube in the glue.
6. Insert the tube with a twisting

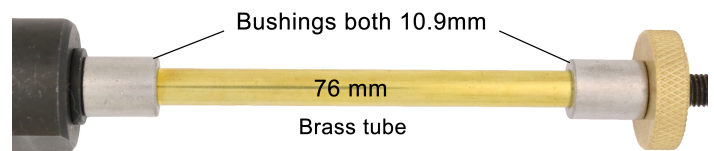
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motion until it is equidistant between both ends of the blank.

7. When the glue has cured, use a hobby knife to remove the plugs 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. *Not having the proper tube length is another common cause of pen failure.*

Turning the blank



1. Assemble the blank and bushings on the mandrel as shown above. Since there is only one blank, you may need to use spacers in order to tighten the tube for turning.
2. Tighten the tailstock, and then lightly tighten the nut that holds the blank. Do not over-tighten the brass thumbnut or apply excessive force as this can bend your mandrel.
3. Turn the blank to the desired

contour, using the bushings as a sizing guide.

4. Sand the surface in progressive steps until you get to 400 or 600 grit.
5. Finish with a finishing product of your choice.
6. Remove the blank from the mandrel.

Assembling the kit

1. Thread the rod into the end cap.
2. Slide your blank over the threaded rod and thread the head coupler assembly onto the threaded rod.
3. Place a razor blade between the razor head and razor plate.
4. Thread this assembly onto the head coupler to complete your razor.
5. Note: the razor can be disassembled for cleaning and refinishing as needed by reversing these steps.

