

Finish comparisons

Pens Plus by Doctor's Woodshop

Application amount: Dime sized amount per coat. Up to 3 coats.

Time investment: Approximately mins 5-10 mins

Mylands High Build Friction Polish

Application amount: Applied with lathe spinning in thin, even coats. Dime sized amount for each coat. Build up multiple coats for your desired finish. Depending on the size of your piece. Must be left to harden for a few hours.

Time investment: Approximately 5-10 mins

Mylands melamine lacquer

Application amount: You want to saturate a lint free cloth with lacquer and wipe on evenly with lathe off. Don't let the cloth get dry while touching the piece. Let it air dry between coats for 30-60 seconds, then you can buff in the finish (burnish) with a clean cloth and the lathe spinning. Add additional coats as desired.

Time investment: Approximately 10-15 mins

CA glue finish

Application amount: Can vary a lot depending on your preferred technique. Our fav method is applying 4-5 coats of ultra thin CA (dime sized amount), followed by 4-5 coats of thin to medium CA. Use accelerator between each coat to cure it quickly. Give it a few seconds before moving onto the next coat. Once all the coats are applied, sand it smooth. We use micro mesh sheets from 1500 to 12,000 grit. Take your time with each grit to make sure you've removed all scratch marks before moving on. Finish the process with a plastic polish like Novus. Apply a dime sized amount and buff it in for 30-60 seconds with a lint free cloth.

Time investment: Approximately 15-20 mins or more

Wet sanding

Application amount: Method used for sanding and polishing synthetic materials like acrylic and epoxy. We wet sand with sandpaper from 150 to 600 grit, then with micro mesh from 1500 to 12,000. Dunk each grit in a cup of clean water. Sand/buff to create a slurry of water and sanded particles with each grit. Wipe the blank clean between each grit. You want to spend time buffing out scratches before moving on to the next grit. Finish the process with a plastic polish like Novus. Apply a dime sized amount and buff it in for 30-60 seconds with a lint free cloth.

Time investment: Approximately 15-20 mins or more

