Instructions for the Bluefin Tuna Inlay Kit



I've numbered the pieces in order of assembly. Slide the brass tube into the maple barrel but don't glue. Start with the light blue lower body and the dark blue upper body pieces first. The tail (#3) goes in by inserting the top and bottom points of the fin first and pressing down into position. Secure with the supplied elastic bands as you go. Insert the remaining fins and finally the eye. Slide the brass tube out and flood all with thin CA glue.

Now we'll glue the brass tube into the blank. Check the fit of the tube as you might have to lightly sand the inside of the blank for a good fit. If you do, wrap a small dowel with 100G sandpaper and sand the inside of the barrel until the tube fits smoothly. Use 2-part epoxy liberally to glue in the brass tube. Make sure the tube is perfectly centered so there's the same amount of space on either end. Once the glue has cured, sand the ends flush with the brass tube using a belt or disc sander. Don't use a barrel trimmer. Now you can mount the blank on the lathe for final turning and finishing. Apply whatever finish you're comfortable with as they all work well with these inlay kits.

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