Instructions for the Piano Inlay Kit
(Designed for the PSI Music Pen Kit)

To ensure a proper fit, the Holly keyboard is pre-fit into the black dyed basswood background barrel. Please note that the intensity of the black dye can vary depending on different properties within the basswood blanks. We’ll start by sliding the natural Basswood sleeve inside the upper keyboard barrel. Flood the keys with thin CA glue locking everything together. Set aside to dry.

Drill out the Black dyed basswood lower barrel pen blank and glue in the lower barrel brass tube from your pen kit. Set aside.

Glue the upper brass tube from your pen kit into the keyboard barrel using 5 minute 2 part epoxy. Once the glue has cured, sand the ends flush with the brass tube. Don’t use a barrel trimmer for this. You can use the barrel trimmer on the lower barrel blank if you like.

The trick with the final turning and finishing is being able to prevent the Holly keyboard section from being contaminated with the black wood. The easiest way to accomplish this is to avoid sanding after turning. Use a final light pass with a skew or a scraper and then directly apply a CA finish (www.mysimplecafinish.com) or the finish of your choice.