Instructions for the Venetian Gothic Inlay Kit
( PSI Montague Pen Kit)

We’re going to start this kit by inserting the brass tube from your pen kit into the basswood frame (#1) from the inlay kit. Do not glue anything at this time. Next, insert the 6 #2 pieces into the recesses in the #1 frame. Secure these with a couple of the supplied elastic bands. Now we’ll fit the end caps (#3). When fitting these, rotate them to test every possible position as there are a couple of positions that fit better than the rest. With both end caps in place, remove the brass tube and press the two ends firmly together with the thumb and forefinger of your left hand while you carefully apply thin CA to all the seams. Don’t worry about removing the elastic bands as they will get turned away once the tube is on the lathe.

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 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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