

# **Toolbox Pencil Kit Instructions**

## **Required Materials**

- 7mm pen mandrel
- Set of Toolbox Pencil Kit bushings
- 11mm drill bit
- CA (cyanoacrylate) glue or two-part fast-drying epoxy
- Pen blank (3/4" thickness or larger)
- Pen press, vise, or clamp
- Sanding supplies and finish

#### **Blank Preparation**

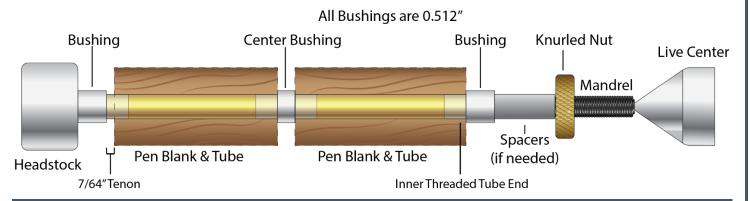
- 1. Cut blank to length of brass tubes, plus an additional 1/16" on each end for squaring off
- 2. Drill 11mm hole lengthwise through each blank
- 3. Rub the brass tubes with low-grit sandpaper to roughen them
- 4. Apply a line of glue to the brass tubes and insert each tube into the middle of the blanks with a twisting motion to spread the glue throughout the blanks
  - o Ensure the inside of the tube is free of any glue
- 5. Square off the ends of each blank with a barrel trimmer or sander to be flush with the brass tubes

# **Turning the Blank and Cutting the Tenon**

Follow diagram A below to set up the blanks on the mandrel for turning. Part of the Upper Tube (unthreaded tube) will be stripped of the blank, creating a tenon, to allow room for the Upper Band. Note that the inside end of one tube is threaded- the tenon will need to be cut on the unthreaded tube.

- 1. Turn down the blanks to the desired shape using lathe chisels, ensuring each end is flush with the bushings
- 2. Mark the thickness of the Upper Band (approximately 7/64") at the top of the Upper Tube
- 3. Turn down the blank above the mark to the brass tube using a parting tool, ensuring to leave a sharp, 90 degree corner
- 4. Sand the blanks, progressing from coarser to finer grits
- 5. Finish blanks with choice of polish

#### Diagram A



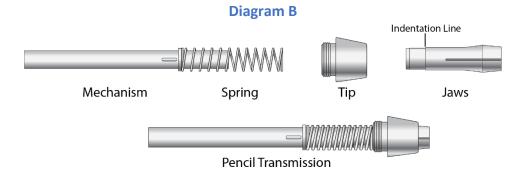
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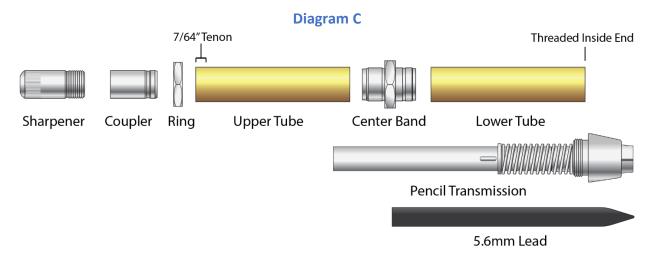


## **Assembly**

Follow diagrams B and C below for assembly. Press parts using a pen press, vise, or clamp.



- 1. Create the completed Pencil Transmission by following Diagram B and the steps below:
  - a. Place the Spring over the short end of the Mechanism
  - b. Insert the thinner end of the Jaws into the cone end of the Tip
  - c. Press the Jaws onto the short end of the Mechanism, compressing the Spring



- 2. Press the Center Band onto the unthreaded end of Lower Tube
- 3. Place the Ring over the Tenon of the Upper Tube
  - a. A drop of CA glue may be used to secure into place
- 4. Press the opposite end of the Upper Tube onto the Center Band
- 5. Insert the completed Pencil Transmission through the Lower Tube and thread into place
- 6. Apply a small amount of CA glue to the **inside** indented end of the Coupler and press the Coupler onto the exposed end of the Pencil Transmission
- 7. When the glue has dried, thread the Sharpener into the Coupler
- 8. Push the Sharpener and insert Lead into the Jaws at the Tip

## **Additional Information**

- Pencil uses 5.6mm lead
- To use Sharpener, unthread the Sharpener from the Coupler

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