

## Assembly Instructions for the Honu Turtle Inlay Kit



We're going to start by sliding the brass tube into the Koa or Maple cylinder. This is for support as you press the pieces of the turtle into position. It is going to be necessary to break the turtle body into a few pieces for a proper kit. These break points are with grain so the joints will be seamless when all is finished. Take a look at Fig 1 to see where the break points are. Break the pieces cleanly using a pair of needle-nose pliers.

Once all pieces are in position, wrap with the supplied elastic bands, remove the brass tube and flood with thin CA glue.



FIG.1



Don't worry about the elastic bands as we'll turn them away later 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, use a small dowel wrapped with 100g sandpaper. Use 2-part epoxy to glue in the brass tube.

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. Apply whatever finish you're comfortable with as they all work well with the inlay kits.

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