

How To Do A Coachwhipped Pen

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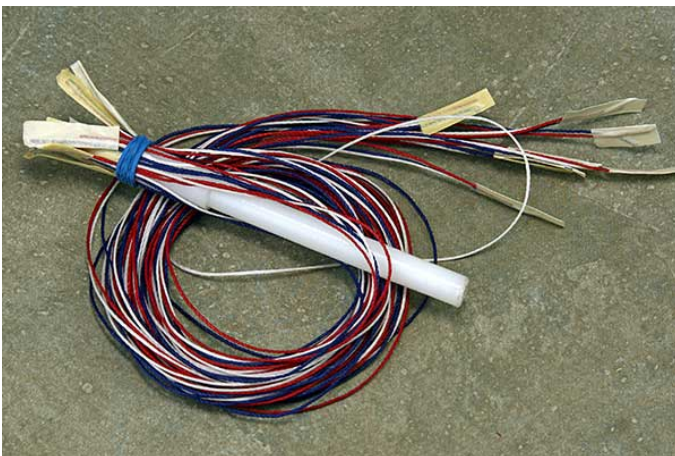
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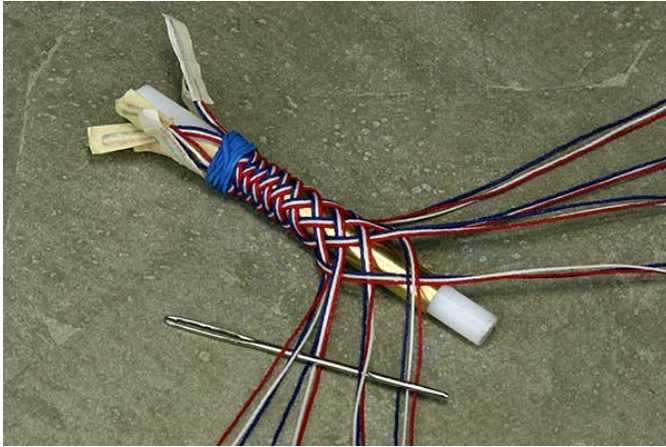
I started with a Dayacom Elegant Beauty kit, because it allows for a relatively thick blank, and 24 strands of whipping twine (8 each of red, white, and blue).



I separated the threads into 8 groups of 3 threads, one of each color, and taped the ends together to help keep them straight. I arranged them with 4 sets spiraling left and 4 right, and attached them to a piece of delrin rod with a rubber band.



Then I slipped the tube on the rod and started braiding, in an alternating over/under pattern. This was the tedious part, as I had to rotate the piece frequently, snugging up the braid as I went, without getting the threads mixed up.



When I reached the end of the tube, I secured the threads with another rubber band.



Then I built up a thick CA finish over the braid.



Once that had cured, I slipped the blank off the delrin tube, trimmed the ends, mounted it on the lathe and turned it to shape.

I hope you found this interesting,
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