

Red Fir (Douglas Fir) Bark Pen Blanks

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First start with the bark and drill with a 15/16" Hole Saw for the pen blank sections.



Then a trip to my Sanding Station to Face the bark sections square.



Take a look at these beauties, these blanks are looking good.



This is my effective way for drilling out the bark for the pen tubes. Drill size is 3/8" for the Long Clicker Pen kits. These are all Red Fir Bark sections and you can see the color variation.



Here the bark rings are glued with a Poly Urethane Glue which is about the only thing I've been 100% sure of no glue failures.



When turned on the lathe I will turn down 1/16" and then make a slurry paste of sawdust and Tru-Oil to fill the voids. It may take several fills before the blank is round enough to put a finish on.

I've assembled the blanks on an Elegant Beauty and a Long Click.



Long Click with a piece of bark for a background.



I'm still playing with finishes. The Long Click has one coat of a Moisture Cure Urethane. The Elegant Beauty has 6 coats of Gorilla Glue.