

Recommended Tools/Items for Pen Turning

(Assumes you already own lathe, turning tools, grinder, sand paper, safety gear, and a saw)

Mandrel—Used to mount pen blank on lathe

Mandrel Saver—Goes in tailstock and keeps pressure off of the mandrel rod

CA Glue or Epoxy—To glue in brass tubes

Drill—Either drill press or Jacobs chuck to use on lathe

Chuck and Jaws—Needed if using Jacobs chuck to drill on lathe

Squaring Jig—Used on disc sander to square blanks

Barrel Sleeves—Used with squaring jig. Different sizes for different size tubes

Plastic Sanding Pads—Used with acrylic pen blanks

Disassembly Kit—Essential if you ever need to take a pen apart (to replace parts)

Drill bits and bushing kits to match your pen kit

Finishes—Plastic polish for acrylic. Friction polish (or CA glue) for wood. Your preference