

MYLANDS™ 3-STEP FINISHING SYSTEM

The Mylands 3-Step Finishing System provides a way to finish your pens with a high gloss sheen quickly and easily. Finish sanding your pen blanks using sandpaper and then WoodTurningz' recommended 9-step Micro-mesh pack. Pour your Mylands into one of WoodTurningz' 2-oz. squeeze bottles (2OZBOTS) for easier dispensing and a reduced risk of large spills.

Step One is using the cellulose sanding sealer. If purchased in the full kit, it will be the liquid in the can. In WoodTurningz sampler kit, it will be bottle #1. It is a white milky liquid. **SHAKE WELL!** Put one or two drops on a soft cotton cloth. Old T-shirt material works great. While the lathe is spinning, touch the wet cloth to the wood. It will dry to a haze almost instantly. Move to a clean portion of the cloth and buff off. **Repeat this step.** If you are using a deeply grained wood, you may want to stop the lathe to rub the sealer into the grain. (Using more than one or two drops per pen barrel will make buffing difficult as it will become gummy and leave a residue.)

Step Two is the high-build friction polish. In the full kit, the friction polish is in the plastic bottle. In the sample kit it is the darker liquid #2. **SHAKE WELL!** Apply this as you did the cellulose sanding sealer. Using your soft cloth, apply one or two drops to each pen barrel while your lathe is turning. After applying, move to a clean portion of your cloth and buff it off using quite a bit of friction to create some heat to "burn in" the wax and lacquer. **Repeat this step** (1-3 times as necessary) to provide a durable, high gloss shine.

Step Three is the solid carnauba wax bar. This is a hard wax that will give extra protection to the pen's finish. With the lathe on, rub the bar along the pen barrel to get a waxy haze. Buff in the wax using a lighter amount of pressure and friction than used in the second step. **Repeat this step** 1-3 times for maximum shine and durability.

Safety Note: When using a cloth near the lathe, it is best to use it in short strips and never wrap it around your hand. If the lathe grabs the strip (and it will at some point), you do not want to be pulled into the lathe.