

Turning a Drawing Top

Supplies Needed

- 19/64" Drill Bit
- 7/16" Drill Bit
- 2" x 2" x 4 1/2" Blank
- Screw Center Chuck
- Glue (Thick CA or Epoxy)
- Sandpaper/Finish
- Eye and Ear Protection

Turning the Top

1. Mount the blank in a scroll chuck or on a screw center chuck.
2. Turn to a cylinder and face off the exposed end.
3. Bore a 19/64" diameter hole to a depth of 2 1/2".
4. Bore a 7/16" diameter hole to a depth of 3/4".
5. Turn the outside shape of the top, stopping about 1/16" short of separating the top from the blank. The exposed end is the writing end.
6. Sand and apply finish.
7. With a scw or small spindle gouge, separate the top by turning through to the 19/64" bored hole.
8. If necessary, touch up the unfinished end by hand sanding or by mounting on a wood mandrel and turning on the lathe.
9. Press the pen into the top.

