

Mylands Friction Polish Finishing System

Here is a nice write up we found on the web from bubbasville.com on using Mylands

- 1.) Turn Pen Blanks to final size/design
- 2.) Sand Blanks 220,320
- 3.) Wipe on Mylands Cellulose Sanding Sealer, let dry
- 4.) Sand Blanks using sandpaper 220,320,400 then MM1500, MM1800, MM2400, MM3200, MM3600, MM4000

(note: for oily woods wipe the blanks with DNA prior to starting the finish process)
- 5.) Using a small piece of paper towel put a quarter sized amount of Mylands Friction Polish on the paper towel, turning the spindle by hand, wipe the Mylands on blanks making 2-3 passes of each blank.
- 6.) Wipe off excess Mylands using fresh area of paper towel
- 7.) Turn on lathe, using another fresh area of paper towel covering top and bottom of blank – grasped between index finger and thumb, add light pressure and movement until paper towel is hot and you basically can't hold it because of the heat...be careful, if you do this too long, you will burnish the blank from excessive heat.
- 8.) Turn off the lathe, let blank cool.
- 9.) Using a small piece of paper towel put a quarter sized amount of Mylands Friction Polish on the paper towel, turning the spindle by hand, wipe the Mylands on blanks making 2-3 passes of each blank.
- 10.) Wipe of excess Mylands using fresh area of paper towel
- 11.) Turn on lathe, using another fresh area of paper towel covering top and bottom of blank – grasped between index finger and thumb, add light pressure with the paper towel on the blank. Constantly move from side-to-side, increasing the pressure and movement until paper towel is hot and you basically can't hold it

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12.) Turn off the lathe and let the blank cool.

13.) This Step is Optional – After blanks cool down, while lathe is off, put a light coat of Renaissance Wax on a new small piece of paper towel. Wipe evenly on one blank, wait 45 seconds, turn on lathe, move to clean area of paper towel, then put pressure on blank moving side-to-side till hot...repeat this process for second blank.(this is not a finish, just a great protectant from finger prints and smudges)

14.) Let blanks cool, remove blanks from mandrel, using pen mill (squaring tool) very lightly clean off each end of blanks...sometimes a light buildup of the finish will occur and it should be removed prior to pen assembly.