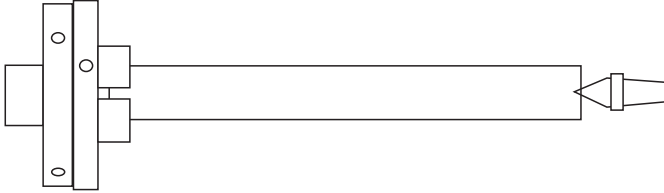


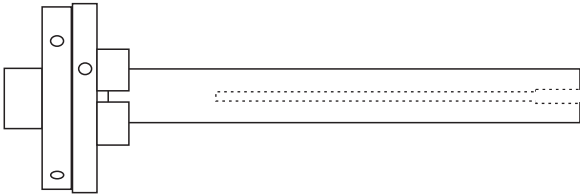
Plain Pens



Start with a blank that is at least 190 long and 20 x 20mm. The tailstock end of this blank should be nicely finished by sanding or a high speed saw cut as it will not be available for finishing later.

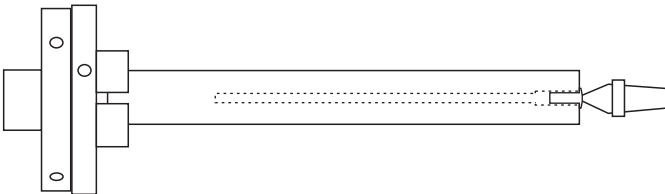
It is best to hold this in a 25mm chuck with the tail brought up for security. You can hold it in the centre of a larger chuck, for this make the blank longer.

Round it off. Wind the speed up as this wood has a small diameter.



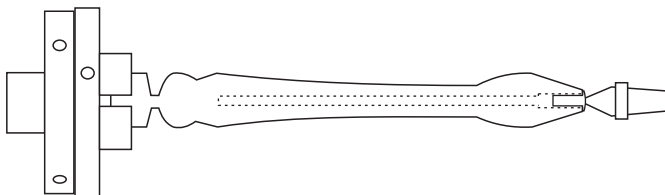
With the wood round, take the tailstock away. Use the dent made by the tailstock to start drilling a 3.5mm hole 130mm into the wood. Hold this long drill by hand and align it with the tailstock and bed to get the hole straight and level. Do this gently, withdrawing the drill after each 2 or 3 mm.

Then drill a 4mm hole into the first 10mm of the wood. In soft wood the 3.5mm drill may have already made the start of the hole this large.



Insert the rivet part of a 4mm dia pop rivet in the drilled hole and bring the tail up again.

Now shape the pen barrel. Knobs, beads, coves, burn lines, endless possibilities. Continue shaping and sanding until almost ready to part off at the headstock end. Apply the finish of your choice.



Part off. Remove but don't lose the pop rivet.

Finish the parted off area. Insert a bic refill.