

# Snowman / Wand Pen Information

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## Materials and Tools Used

1" x 1" x 9" to 12" blank, I use hard maple because it turns cleaner and when I am making a snowman pen I like the snowman to be white.

Use any of the tools you are comfortable using to round the blank. I use a 3/8" bowl gouge, a 1/4" spindle gouge, a 1/2" angled skew and a parting tool. It really doesn't matter, use what you are comfortable using. A 6" long aircraft drill bit 9/64" and a twist drill bit 5/32" and a holder for the drill bits. (a pin vise or a jacob chuck)

Drive and live centers and a chuck with pin jaws (long jaws that will accept a 3/4" blank).

Black, Red, Green brush tipped Sharpies.

Black, Orange Puff Paint (from Michaels).

Finish with EEE Ultra Shine and Mylands Polish.

EEE Ultra Shine



Mylands Polish



Place the blank between centers and turn the blank so it is barely round.

Place the turned blank in the chuck using the live center in the tail stock to make sure the mark on the blank is aligned properly. The center mark on the end of the blank should not wobble when turned.

Using the long drill bit in a holder drill the hole a little bit at a time no more than the flute distance at a time. Pull the drill bit out and make sure the flutes are clean often, before you continue drilling. Use whatever speed you are comfortable with. The higher speed with short strokes work best. I found 1200rpms worked better. The bit over heated at the slower speed and followed the grain coming out of the side, the higher speed keeps that down to a minimum.

Place the tail stock in the drilled hole and turn the pen with the design you have chosen. I use sand paper on the pen tip end to get the tip to match the insert I am using. Sand as you normally would, remember the finer the grit the better the shine.

Many times I don't put a finish on the pens. If you decide to put on a finish do so before you color the pens with the Sharpies. For finishing I use the EEE Ultra Shine first because it has a fine grit in it. This helps smooth out any of the remaining sanding marks. Then I use Mylands for the final polish.

Using the Sharpies color the snowman's hat (black), hat band (red) scarf (red) and the bottom (green).

Part off the pen. Using the smaller drill bit in a holder, BY HAND enlarge the hole only as needed to fit the refill. Too much and it will fall out. Use the Puff paint to add the eyes, buttons, and the nose.

Good Luck and Have Fun, *David*