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Inlays with Dave Simms

The first words by Dave were a qualification to tonight's demo.

He was only giving us an insight into inlaying. We were not to criticise him about any wood turning or even the inlay work.



Tonight was just the briefest of "How to do its". It was to encourage us to have a go. The problem was this statement just encouraged members to make comments on Dave's ability. Thankfully he took it all in good part. The basics of inlaying are you make a groove and fill it with coloured resin. You can also fill to groove with small objects such as glitter balls.





Basics of a coloured inlay

Step 1 Make/cut out a groove in the object. This can usually be done using a parting tool.

Step 2 Fill the groove and cover the top surface with the fibre glass resin mix suitably coloured.

Allow to dry usually five to ten minutes.

Step 3 Now remove all excess resin material to expose the coloured inlay.

Basics of a bead or ball inlay

Step 1 make the groove as above

Step 2 apply "superglue" to the groove- do not fill but ensure sufficient to cover the bottom of the groove and just up the sides.

Step 3 fill with beads or glitter balls.





To make up the resin filler you need Colour powder, obtained from Hobby Craft 4 units and add 4 units of Tapioca. Gently mix.

Now add Isopon resin obtainable from Halfords mix with your coloured compound and then add the Isopon hardener.

This mixture will rapidly start to set so you need to move fast. Quickly apply the mixture ensuring you get it right into the groove.

It is wise to use a sanding sealer on the groove as this will stop any



bleeding of the resin mix into the fibres of the wood. For a similar reason the wood itself needs to be fairly close grained.



Allow to fully harden. Although this only takes minutes it is important to be patient to make sure the mixture is completely dry.

String of small beads can be obtained from Hobby Craft amongst others.

You can also obtain a gold Gouache which is rather like a 'gold' dust

which you apply as a dust then add water to give a golden finish.

Note: If you search for casting acrylics on the net it comes up with dozens of places to get them from

And from the chairman: a big thanks to Dave Simms for the demo, he put up with a lot of banter from us all, very entertaining.

Members are reminded that there will be the usual post Christmas Party with the usual competitions for wood turning and crafts. Have a word with Dave if you are not sure what to bring by way of food and drink for sharing.

Forthcoming Attractions 2018

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at 7pm.

1 st November	Pen Making	
6 th December	Christmas Novelties	
12 th January	Woody's Christmas Party	

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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