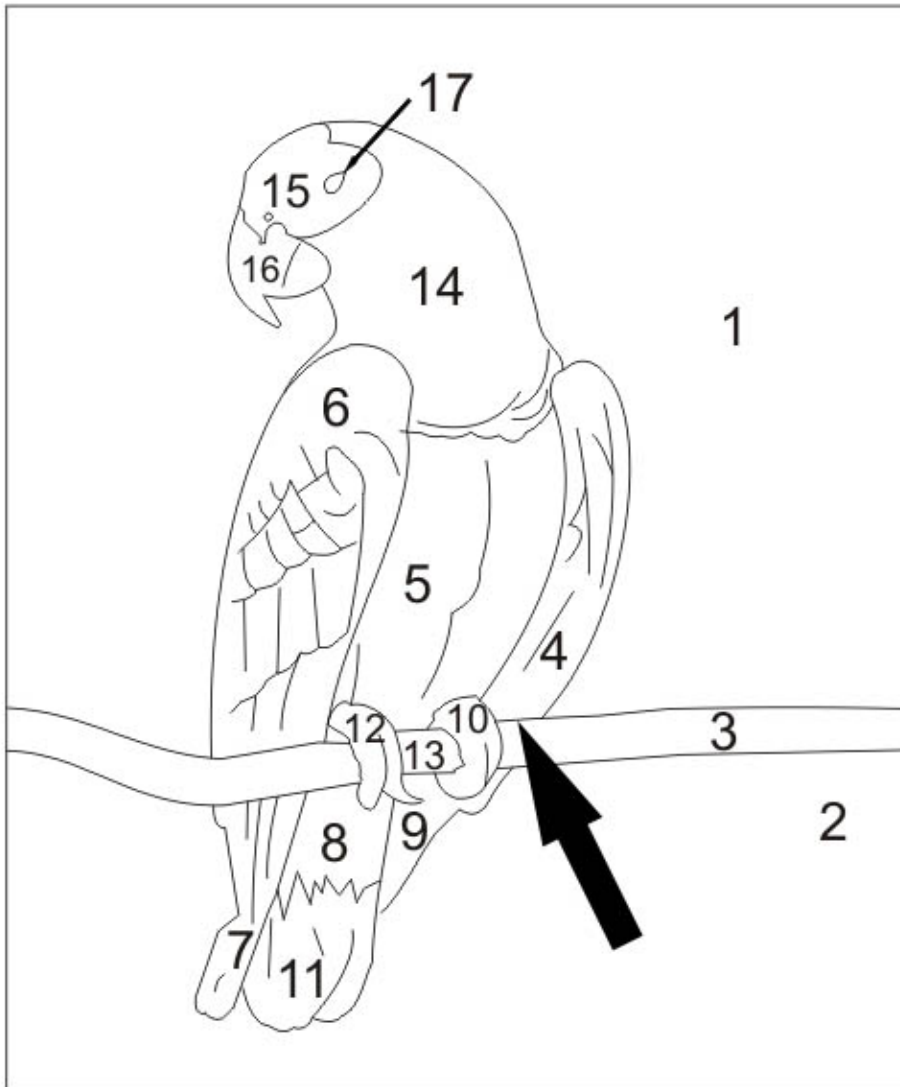


Instructions for the African Grey Parrot Inlay Kit



We're going to start by sliding pieces #1, 2, and 3 onto the brass tube that came with the pen kit. Press the top of piece #1 and the bottom of piece #2 with your thumb and forefinger. Make sure that the end of Piece #3 on the right side extends into the recessed area where piece #4 will ultimately go (see large arrow in diagram). Once aligned, slide out the brass tube and while pressing the top and bottom tightly together, apply some thin CA to the seams to secure. Once the CA is dry, you can slide the brass tube back into the barrel and insert pieces #4, 5, and 6, secure with an elastic band, remove the brass tube and secure the last 3 pieces with thin CA glue. Once cured, continue inserting pieces in numerical order until all are inserted and glued in place with thin CA. Once all the pieces are in, go back and once again flood all the seams with thin CA.



Now we'll glue the brass tube into the blank. Check the fit of the tube as you might have to lightly sand the inside of the blank for a good fit. If you do, wrap a small dowel with 100G sandpaper and sand the inside of the barrel until the tube fits smoothly. Use 2-part epoxy to glue in the brass tube. Make sure the tube is perfectly centered so there's the same amount of space on either end. Once the glue has cured, sand the ends flush with the brass tube using a belt or disc sander. Don't use a barrel trimmer. Now you can mount the blank on the lathe for final turning and finishing. Apply whatever finish you're comfortable with as they all work well with these inlay kits.

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