

## SWELLED BUTT TUTORIAL

Rich, this is a real down and dirty way to explain this.

1. Once the handle is shaped, decide how long you want the “Swelled Butt” to be.



2. Mix up a batch of 5 minute epoxy and apply to the rod as thick as will stay in place. I apply the epoxy with popsicle sticks.



3. Once that dries, 30 min or so, then apply a second and third coat until you have enough epoxy on the rod to shape to a desired shape.



4. Once it is done, it should look something like this.....



5. Tape up the blank around the epoxy and place it in the lathe. Using 100 grit to start with, shape it to a desired shape or taper.



6. Finish shaping with 220, 320 and finally 400 to 600 grit to make a smooth transition from the blank to the handle. Be CAREFUL! Sandpaper can and will ruin a blank at 500 RPMS in a second or two.  
7. Then wrap the blank with thread



8. Then add the desired feathers.....



9. Once the feathers are in place, then finish the rod.



Hope this helps.

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