



Blend Guide Instructions

Consistent and well matched “blend lines” (the region between the tip and heart) are vital to making reeds with great response and tone. The **Forrests Blend Guide Mandrel** makes it quick and easy to scrape consistent and well formed blend lines every time.

Basic Instructions

- 1) Scrape the bark (but no more than that) off the back, heart, and tip of a reed blank.
- 2) Place the reed on the Blend Guide Mandrel and adjust the length of the mandrel to where you want the heart to end.
- 3) Begin a light test scraping, then take off the reed and measure to see if the blend is in the right place.
- 4) Adjust the the mandrel length as needed and continue scraping. Once you have the right adjustment, and if your staples are the same, you shouldn't have to change anything when you start the next reed.

Wrapping Reeds

The mandrel can be used for wrapping reeds also, just pull up gently on the brass bar, then swing it out of the way.

Adjusting the Mandrel

Loosen the set screw with the included Allen wrench, then adjust the mandrel length as needed. Also rotate the mandrel so the reed will be aligned with the guide

