

Roller Ball / Fountain Pen using commercial component set

Rules:

Pen must be a capped roller ball / fountain pen that was made after May 1, 2014 using a commercially available component set and either (A) a commercially available pen blank or (B) a pen blank you made yourself from raw materials where your personal work represents the majority of the work required to create the blank. You may not customize / substitute the pen components in any way and you must use all the supplied components.

Definitions:

“Commercially Available” means anybody can buy one like yours today and they could have bought it the day the contest was announced.

“Component Set” means all the parts (excluding the pen blank) needed to make a pen, which have been packaged and sold as a single item. Also known as a “Kit”.

“Kit” a package of pen parts sold as a single item that, combined with a separately sourced pen blank gives you all the components you need to make a pen.

FAQ:

Q: Can I have someone make a custom blank for me and use that? A: NO.

Q: Can I buy a one of a kind blank and use that? A: NO

Q: Can I make a custom blank myself and use that? A: YES.

Q: Do I have to do all the work on a custom blank myself? A: YES

Q: Does that mean nobody else can help with my custom blank? A: YES

Q: Can I mix parts from different component sets? A: NO

Q: Do I have to use all the parts in my component set? A: YES

Q: Can I substitute upgrade parts (e.g. nibs / refills)? A: NO

Q: I bought a pen kit 10 years ago and nobody sells them anymore. Can I use it? A: NO

Q: I bought a blingless kit. Can I add the bling. A: NO. Use as is or use another kit.

Q: Can I assemble my own component set from different parts I buy? A: NO

How To Enter:

Take 4 pictures of your pen as detailed below. All pictures must be taken with the pen on either a plain piece of white paper or a plain piece of black paper. No props are allowed. The pen must be the only thing in the picture (besides the background). Resizing and cropping are allowed. Adjustments to make the picture “true to life” are allowed (e.g. color balance or exposure adjustment), but should be minimal. Adjustments to hide things or make the pen look like something it is not are not allowed. If there is dust or flaws visible in the picture then (a) retake the pictures after removing the dust or (b) retake the pictures after fixing the flaw or (c) submit as is.

Picture 1 (see EX_1): The pen must be capped and horizontal on the paper with the cap to the left and the body to the right. The clip must be at the bottom. The pen should fill the picture frame and the picture should be 1000 wide by about 400 pixels tall. This pictures allows the community to evaluate the total composition of the pen.



Picture 2 (see EX_2): Same as picture 1 except the clip must be at the top. This allows the community to see what the other side looks like. (if you chose a kit that doesn't use a clip, then pictures 1 and 2 should show opposite sides of the pen)



Picture 3 (see EX_3): Pen oriented to focus on cap couplers and section. The picture should be 1000 pixels wide and no more than 1000 pixels tall. This allows the community to evaluate the fit and finish at the cap couplers.



Picture 4 (see (EX_4): Pens oriented to focus on finials. The picture should be 1000 pixels wide and no more than 1000 pixels tall. This allows the community to evaluate the fit and finish at the finials.



Email your 4 entry pictures and the required information to RB_FP_Summer14@comcast.net. If you are submitting more than one pen each pen must be submitted separately. The following information is required:

- The name and source of the commercially available component set
- A description and your source of the blank