



a natural state

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Video 2: Process, Part D: Attaching

Boozer: Once the hollowing process is complete, the next step is the attachment of the head. I never put a head on in perfect alignment with the centerline of the body. I always cock it either to the left or the right a little bit. And, depending on how the body looks to me, I think I'll put this one on with him pointing a little bit to the left.

And then the head goes on from the inside with a regular wood screw. And I kind of bear down the head on my bench and just work that screw in. And this is called a dry fit. I call it a dry fit because now what I'll do is I'll look and see if the angle's right--see if I've got him pointed in the right direction, look at the attitude that he's making. And then I actually back that screw back out, and then it's ready for the application of a waterproof glue. I put the glue in and then, again, reinsert the screw.

Once the head is secured with the glue and the screw, and it's firm and it's in the position that I want it, the backboard that we sawed off just a little while ago is ready to go onto the bird. You see, it makes a nice joint there. It'll be a good waterproof joint.

These are copper boat nails. And you see they're, they're ridged, and they won't pull out. You just basically kind of line it up with the glue on it. And, and you can see the nails are fairly short, so I'll be driving them in at a...at an angle to catch. But that's good, because all they're going to do is basically hold that board in place until the...until the glue sets. And I'll set those with a punch once I actually get them in place. Go ahead and put one in the tail...keep it from moving around.

And then that's the process of putting all the pieces back together.

End.