



Light up Your Pipe by Jeff McCrady

ABA (Appalachian Blacksmith Association) held their annual Fall Conference in October and our friend and demonstrator, Jeff McCrady, donated an interesting candlestick to their auction. The design shares a medieval look as well as a contemporary style as well as a rustic flare. The added texture can reflect your particular interest and style.



Materials:

3/4 " Black Iron Pipe, the rustier the better if you want texture! Start with a section pf pipe between 10-16" long.

(How could you not give this project a try!!!)

How to:

1. 1" from the end, neck back pipe with a smithin' magician or use an anvil. You can also make dies for your power hammer to neck down the pipe.
2. Come back down 1/2" and neck again for "bulb" underneath candle cup.
3. Take about 4" and forge out to about 6" and square it up. It will pucker a bit but as Jeff says, "That's the beauty of it".
4. Once it is in the square shape, measure off approximately 10-12 inches and slit it up the center on top only.
5. Peel it open using pliers, wedge it open, whatever you need to do to open it up!
6. Then start at the bottom and hammer the edged in.
7. Texture, add rivets for detail, embellish it with your choice of design.
8. Use a decorative nail or screw at the top.
9. Bend up cup as the final step . Prior to this step, the candle cup can be use as a convenient handle and you work through this project.

