

# VOIDS

## What to do, what to do.

### 1.) Sources of voids:

- Worm/ beetle holes, ants.
- Decay, imbedded bark, physical damage.
- Punky wood tear out.

### 2.) Treatment:

#### Larger voids:

- Larger voids, if aged, have a dark irregular edge and can be left unfilled to provide an artistic presentation.
- Larger voids can be filled with epoxy or CA glue mixed with saw dust, coffee grounds, colored powder etc.
- Apply tape to one side of the opening and fill from the open side.
  - a.) Mix two part epoxy per instructions then blend in the filler material, apply to void- sand smooth when thoroughly dry.

-OR-

- b.) Fill void with chosen material, flood with super glue and activate. *Avoid breathing fumes!!!!*  
Sand smooth when dry.

#### Smaller voids:

- Smaller voids (holes) can be filled with saw dust, sanding dust, colored fillers ie turquoise and coffee grounds saturated with CA glue and activated.
- Small “pits” and minor end grain tear out can be filled with CA glue.
  - a.) Apply 1-2 coats of finish, and sand smooth.
  - b.) White sanding powder will fill the pits/holes.
  - c.) Drop super thin CA onto the filled pits, activate and sand smooth. Repeat glue application if needed.
  - d.) Sand smooth and apply finish of choice.

It is especially important to apply finish or a sealer to the unfinished wood before applying the epoxy or CA glue to prevent causing a permanent unattractive glue mark that can not be sanded out!

When done well the filled areas appear to be part of the natural character of the piece.

If you have any questions about these processes, feel free to call me:

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