

General Project 27—Fossilized Ivory Guitar Bridge Pins/Mike Fleck

Mike Fleck of Fleck Guitars in Alaska sent photos of the beautiful guitar bridge pins he turns on his 4400 lathe. These are what hold guitar strings in place at the body end of the guitar just past the bridge. Normally they are made from plastic, wood or ivory, but these custom turned pins are turned from walrus tusk ivory that can be thousands of years old. The rare material, dug up by native Alaskans on St. Lawrence Island is also popular with scrimshaw artists, but it's natural beauty lends itself well to use on a high quality acoustic guitar.

