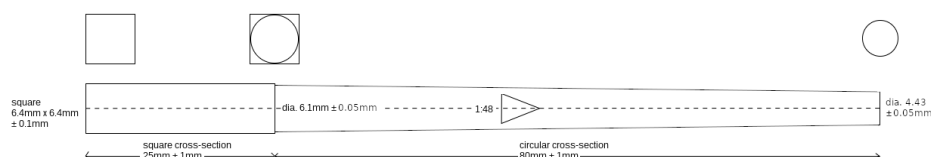


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Brass taper pin blanks
for making old Irish harp tuning pins
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Specification

These blanks are made in Northern Ireland to my specification. They are turned from solid brass.

The blanks are 105mm long, comprising:

- square-section drive head, 6.4mm square, 25mm long
- #4 Imperial 1/48 tapered shaft, 80mm long

The blanks are turned on a lathe, so the surface is slightly ridged from the tool marks.

The blanks are intended to be re-worked to make finished pins:

- smooth tooling marks on tapered shaft
- cut short at one or both ends
- drill string hole approx 2 to 5mm from small end of shaft
- (optional) file down shoulders at junction of shaft and head
- file head down so flat faces are flush with shaft; reverse taper the square drive head
- file decorative grooves into faces and end of square drive head

Sizing

These blanks are intended as an equivalent of standard #4 harp pins. This photograph shows the relationship between one of my blanks, and a #4 x 3" blackened steel harp tuning pin.



Blanks are currently priced at £5.50 each. Hand-made pins can also be supplied.

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