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Editorial Review

Review

Intarsia - the making of pictures (from pieces of solid timber - is one of the less commonly pursued woodworking disciplines. This is unfortunate, since the modern scrollsaw makes it easier than ever to do this work. It's impossible to say when Intarsia was first developed. Some believe it was invented by the Ancient Egyptians, some, by the Romans. The only certainty is that it was very popular in Italy during the 15th century and examples of Intarsia have been found in Italy and southern Germany dating from as long as 200 years before that. But, by the 17th century, Intarsia had virtually disappeared, having been replaced by marquetry and inlay. Since the 1970's, the craft has enjoyed a revival which now appears to be gathering pace. This book is essentially a collection of 25 projects of varying difficulty. The author is a highly successful artist responsible for the design of more than a 1100s and animal figure and giftware items that have been sold worldwide. The first project in the book, a Goldfish, explains the basic intarsia techniques for simple intarsia patterns, how to cut and shape the pieces and how to glue them together. The second project, a Butterfly, introduces multiple colour work. The third project brings in discussion of overlays, shims (to add a 3-D effect), lamination and calving. By the beginning of the fourth project, most of the important methods have been described and the space devoted to each project becomes smaller, consisting of list of materials and some quick tips to help ensure the work is completed satisfactorily. The projects cover a wide range from a horse's head, a train shaped photo frame and a lighthouse, to a small girl wearing boots, a lily cross and a racoon. The book is well illustrated with excellent photos and useful drawings. Aimed at the beginner rather than the very experienced maker of Intarsia, it is obviously intended to help in the building of skills so as to go on to even more interesting and formidable work.

From the Back Cover

Woodworking/Crafts \$19.95 Learning intarsia is easier than you think. You don't have to be a master woodworker to create dramatic works of intarsia, thanks to celebrated artist/instructor Kathy Wise. With more than 40 skill-building lessons, exercises, and projects, this new reference does what no other intarsia book has done before: it breaks down the important techniques of intarsia into manageable and easy-to-understand steps. Intarsia Woodworking for Beginners will take you on a journey from the concepts and basics of working with an intarsia pattern to the fundamentals of cutting, sanding, gluing, creating a backer board, and finishing your first project. From there, you'll move on to techniques that will take your work to the next level, such as staining, shims, overlays, laminations, woodburning, and carving textures. The projects in this book are divided into three levels, with step-by-step instructions to start off the first piece in each section. You'll also find more than 20 patterns with reference photos, material lists, and tips to help you turn inlaid wood into a stunning work of art.

About the Author

Kathy Wise has been sculpting dogs and animals professionally for more than 25 years. Much of her time is now spent in the woodshop and art studio working on new and exciting designs for intarsia artists to cut and enjoy. Kathy is a frequent contributor to Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts. For more information visit her website at kathywise.com.

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