

Greeting,

Below is the latest contributions by members of projects they have been working on in their shops. Please continue to provide me with updates on your efforts so I can share them with other members.

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JIM GULLEY

I think I am getting desperate during these at home times. A friend sent me a picture of a wooden cell phone holder and suggested that I might be interested. Soooo, I made a bunch. Some are from pictures of the holders made by others, and some come from searching for animal clip art online. Of course, they are easy to make. I tell myself that they are good scroll saw practice. Actually, I find that scrolling a good circle for the base is really hard. My oscillating spindle sander is still my best friend. Some friends and relatives are probably getting a present whether they want it or not.



RON ZANANI

Pepper Box - I have been experimenting with combining marquetry with intarsia. Below are the steps I used to make this pepper box

Size - 8"x 7"x 3'

Wood species - mahogany, padauk, and green-dyed holly

Three veneers – mahogany 1/16" thick, padauk and holly 3/16" thick

Using a scroll saw and 2/0 blade cut out each pepper and pepper stem from the mahogany back ground.

Mount the mahogany on 1/4" backing board.

Use a Dremel tool and lots of care (my fingers were the only way I could hold the peppers), carve the shapes (Keep the rpms quite slow).

Hand-sand each pepper and each stem, starting with 100 grit then 180 grit, finally with 220 grit.

Polish individual pepper pieces using a Beall buffing setup and set aside

Now make the box. I used solid mahogany for the casing, 7/16" thick, cut 67.5 degrees to form an octagon. Glue box together.

Cut lid and mortise hinges; install hinges.

Apply finish of choice (I used Osmo). Try not get finish into the cut-out pepper space. I wanted contrasts between the peppers and finish on the box, so I used two different finishes.

Last step, glue in peppers.



FRANK BALAJADIA

We are opening the church today and since we can't use collection plates or baskets, our Pastor asked me to make two collection boxes.

The two boxes are made with prefinished plywood. The sides are glued together with epoxy, the rails inside are glued with Type III and some $\frac{1}{2}$ " brads, the drop slot is 1' x $\frac{1}{4}$ " and is routed and rounded, the pin with the ring holds the door at the bottom closed and is also fabricated.

The prefinished plywood chips easily so for the sides, I used tape to help stop chips. The door is on the bottom and since I finished them last night at 10 PM, I was a little less concerned about chipping since the door is on the bottom.

Most of the project came out ok but there are boo boos.



We needed a handrail for the back-yard steps and here it is.



Our pastor is being reassigned from Mariposa to Clovis and we decided to give him a gift to remember Mariposa. He likes rocks so we selected Mariposite which is peculiar to this area.

The rock is held in place by two brass screws and mounted to a base of purpleheart wood and has a felt liner on the bottom. Two holes are drilled into the rock and epoxied in place. The finish is unwaxed shellac and clear gloss spray lacquer.

