

Hand-cut Dovetail Class

When: Saturday, February 24, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Roger McCoy's Shop
1514 W. Tenaya, Fresno

Cost: \$50.00 (Includes a new Zona dovetail saw and all class materials)

Instructors: George Alexander, Mike Weatherson, and Roger McCoy

Class Description:

In this class, students will learn how to create "thru" and "half-blind" dovetails using a hand saw and chisels. Prior to cutting dovetails, students will perform skill-building exercises with saws and chisels to improve their confidence with these tools.

Initially, students will learn the hand-cut dovetail method as taught at the Krenov School, which is essentially how James Krenov cut his dovetails. Subsequently, students will be shown some shortcuts and variations developed by the instructors.

Class Size:

Class size will be limited to the first 7 students who sign-up and submit payment for the class. If more than 7 sign up, a waiting list will be created in case of cancellations or a possible class in the future. To sign up for the class, download, complete, and mail-in an application found at www.sjfw.com along with your check for \$50.00. As an alternative to a check you can pay via the PayPal button on the web site.

Tools Needed:

There will be some tools available to share, but students are encouraged to bring the following tools if they have them:

1. Set of sharp chisels ($\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and $\frac{3}{4}$ " at a minimum) & chisel mallet
2. You can bring your own dovetail saw if you wish to try it
3. 4" or 6" combination square
4. 6" or 12" steel rule
5. Marking gauge
6. Pencil & paper for taking notes
7. Roll of blue painter's tape ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1")
8. Bring a sack lunch – drinks will be provided

Questions regarding the class or what tools to bring should be directed to Roger McCoy at 559 436-1688 or via email at rogermccoy@comcast.net.