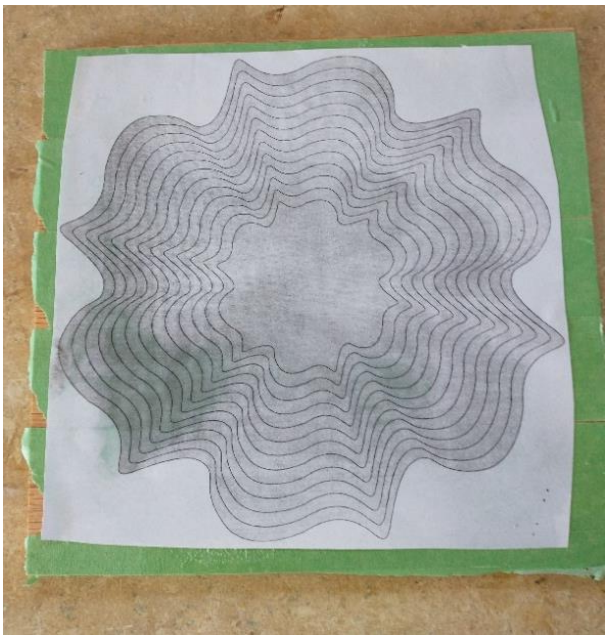
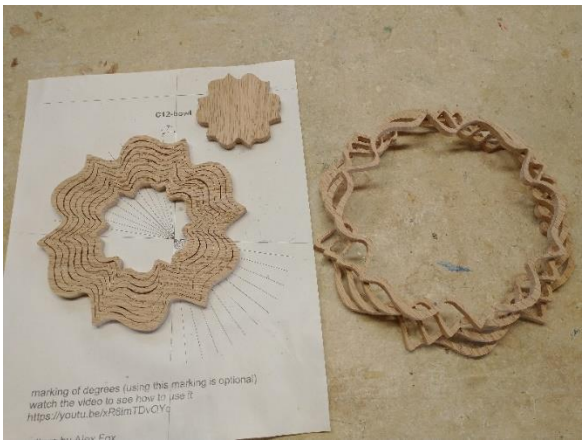
Jim Gulley - Scroll Saw Bowls

I was looking online for nifty things to do with my scroll saw. I came across these things that you cut out of a flat board and then stack up to make a bowl. They are actually baskets. I don't know why they are called bowls. I don't recommend them for breakfast cereal.

Some intermediate steps are shown below. You go round and round the pattern (boring), and then glue the rings sequentially, offsetting each one. All are pretty easy, except the spiral one. As you can see from the picture, getting the (in this case 7 degree) offset right is really hard. The author of the pattern supplied a guide, but I still struggled.




marking of degrees (using this marking is optional)
watch the video to see how to use it

Jim LaMar – New BFF

Around November, 2014, we noticed a smallish stray dog that began sleeping on our porch. It was extremely skittish and scraggly, but we decided to adopt it. This was quite an ordeal for both her and us, but we finally trapped her and named her “Wily” for her evade and escape abilities.

After cleanup, vet visits (spayed and chipped), and a period of outdoor easement into her new situation, she turned out to be a wonderful, smart, loyal, and affectionate companion. Having been feral for some time, she required no house-breaking and, from day one inside, used the doggy door habitually to relieve herself in a dirt back corner of the yard. Eventually, she became spoiled however, not wanting to leave the shelter of our patio cover in the rain or cold. Try as we might, we couldn’t deter her from soiling the concrete.

That left it up to me to build a Doggy Fence. We wanted a functional barrier that was not too ugly and not permanent. I designed a stand-up cedar frame to hold trimmed leftover grape stake pickets saved from re-building our yard fence last June and constructed enough of these barricades to span the patio.

I bought rough-sawn 2x4s, planed, ripped and dadoed them in order to practice these skills on my planer and table saw. I used screws for all the joining. The gate section uses cafe hinges that swing both directions and rest closed. A zip tie keeps its hinge frame tied to the post without puncturing the aluminum skin. The corner braces constructed of 1/4” plywood was a last-minute adaptation and fail to equal the elegant design. Although the rough construction is done, the task remains to fill all the screw holes and stain the frames for weather-resistance. These are easily and quickly repositioned or moved for various situations and I foresee even using them to support low tables for future yard sales. The end result is that Wily respects the fence, but the best outcome is that my wife is pleased with its appearance.

The gate details (ugly, but functional).

Wily then…

Wily now…

The main span

The side span

Stand-alone modularity

The gate details (ugly, but functional)

BTW – Wily turned out to be a pure-bred Havanese. We're glad she rescued us.

Joe Smith

A good friend gave me a big chunk of black walnut a good 5 inches thick about two years ago. I cut that chunk into 3 even slabs on the bandsaw to take a better look.

Lots of cracks and bug holes so I just shelved it.

I was on a very boring COVID 19 day and needed a new project. Pulled those walnut slabs out and had a better look. I found some areas in the slabs that were very solid and looked very good, so a small box it will be.

Parts of the slab had good sized cracks so I thought I would try a little epoxy colored fill for the cracks, my Wife chose red. Also Finger joints.

A YouTuber named Blake Weber built two walnut boxes and added wooden hinges, so I thought I would give that a go.

Osmo finish is very easy to use and I love the look.