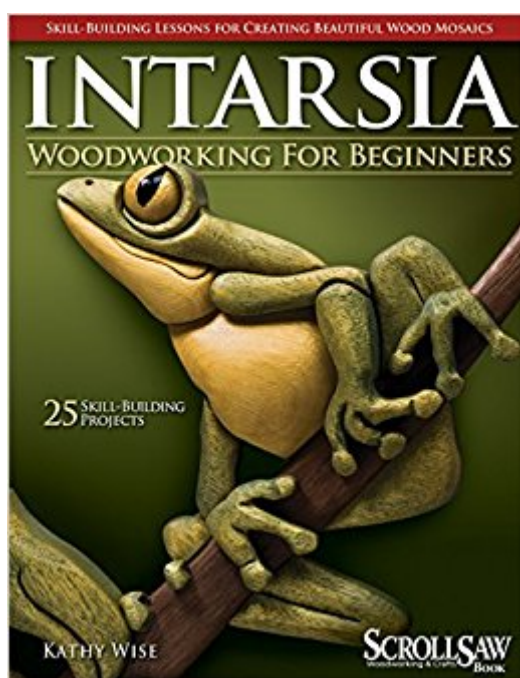


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# Intarsia Woodworking For Beginners: Skill-Building Lessons For Creating Beautiful Wood Mosaics: 25 Skill-Building Projects



## Synopsis

Learn the art of intarsia with celebrated artist and instructor Kathy Wise in this skill building guidebook filled with step-by-step instructions, basic lessons and concepts, and helpful techniques

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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 But, by the 17th century, Intarsia had virtually disappeared, having been replaced by marquetry and inlay.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 110,000 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.

**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 *Intarsia Woodworking for Beginners* 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.

This is a great beginner's guide to Intarsia. It takes you through segmentation, single wood intarsia, multi-wood intarsia, intarsia techniques for adding 3-d effect, overlays, woodburning, carving, not to mention gluing, finishing, organizing cut sequences, etc. This book also offers 20 projects spanning 3 levels. I have other scroll saw books that featured some of Kathy Wise's intarsia, and have come to appreciate her artistry - her work is beautiful and tasteful. If you want to learn about intarsia, this is a good place to start with overall discussion and nearly two dozen patterns in 3 skill levels from beginner to advanced. I've made a few pieces from her patterns and have found them to be impeccably thought out and easy to follow. Her patterns use gray scale to indicate the areas to be contoured, and cut sequences are color coded. This is a very useful book, and her designs are very tasteful.

I cabinet work and have tried many different disciplines furniture, house doors, intricate box making and clocks. I am currently working with intarsia projects. Intarsia is really sculpting wood. I have little artistic talents but I have made some projects that many friends and family find very attractive after

purchasing this book. If you like working with wood, have lots of patience and are looking for new areas to explore in working with wood try intarsia.

Haven't started any projects yet but book seems detailed and templates are very nice...no junk here. I read the quick Bio of the author...and she is very capable of writing on the subject matter...extensive background in Intarsia and art in general....but even with that said...some people are great at a skill but terrible at teaching it...she appears great at both.

This book lays out directions very well. I am a wood working hobbieist. I use a scroll saw mostly, but have had an interest in intarsia for a long time. Always thought would be hard to learn. So glad I got this beginners edition. Clear, precise instructions. I have made the first pattern, a goldfish. Turned out so well, was able to give it away for a birthday present, she loved it! Ready to try more!

Having just recently started creating intarsia projects I was interested in a book which provided the very basic of this type of work. I was not disappointed. This book is excellent at presenting the subject in a clear and easily followed format. As you work through the levels in the book you cant help but pick up more details and skills. Only criticism and the reason for dropping one star relates to the fact you have to photocopy the plans and in some cases enlarge them. A hard bound book makes this very difficult. I have split the spine and inserted everything in a folder. Not a big deal but could have been addressed with a spiral bound format or the inclusion of plans separately.

I was thinking about purchasing a scroll saw and ordered this book to see what kind of things I could do with it. The pictures and instructions are excellent. This would be an interesting and gratifying hobby for someone who enjoys wood working.

I love these projects and information. Haven't got a chance to try many of the projects, but is a very good read for a beginner.

Love this and would recommend it to everyone interested in learning the technics for Intarsia. I had not even used a scroll saw before so this book has been very helpful with all the hints to make sure you do things correctly.

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