

Intarsia Woodwork Project

Name: _____ Block: _____ Date: _____

Every intarsia project begins with a pattern.

Beginners usually start with a commercial pattern. But many intarsians (intarsia builders) soon begin creating their own patterns. These may be based on photos, clip art and similar sources or you could use your own original drawings. To design and build a project from scratch is a highly satisfying creative experience.

1) Choose or create a design from the pre-selected patterns

If you find your own pattern online print it out at home (to life size scale you want). Always print 2-3 copies just in case!

2) Choose your material based on color and grain pattern.

Always start with the short ends bin

3) Glue or trace your paper pattern onto your wood pieces and cut out, shape, etc

4) Final glue up should only be done after final sanding is done. Other than making the backside flat you don't need to sand the backside very much. Anywhere that glue touches should be a tight fit (like a puzzle). If too much glue squeezes up you will need to sand prior to staining. We can mount the cut out pieces to a backing board to add in glue up if needed but most pieces will be able to be glued "side to side"

Tools for most of your cutting:

Bandsaw and Scroll saw

