

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Greeting My Woodworker Friends, This was a fast year for me. To bring the year to a fine end we are having our Christmas Celebration on Thursday Dec 19. Serving will start at 6pm. There was concern in the past that we ate too late so we will try to serve as close to 6 as we can. Bring your guests, a dish to pass and a gift for the ladies if you signed up. There will be a short meeting, installation of officers, the distribution of awards and show and tell. This makes for a great time. Hope you are coming!

If I do not see you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay Safe and Well!

The Toy Distribution was a success. There were over 1000 toys made. Santa is proud of his Elves from NIWA and God Bless All of YOU!!!

Election Kevin Sturgeon was elected Vice President, Ron Benson was re-elected Treasurer, John Hunter was re-elected Secretary. The vote for president has been deferred by our Parliamentarian and members until the January 2014 meeting. Think about becoming president. It's a fun job.

Ron Elwood a member of our Club in past years has gone to work with our Great Carpenter in Heaven. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Marcia Lichnerowicz

SHOW AND TELL



Chris Boswell



Max Hernick



Rodney Foster



Dave Skaggs



Frank Berzini



Lalo Gonzalez



Clyde Hewlett



Bill Schoech



Karl Reichardt



Mike Clark

TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Thanks to the club members that worked hard to make our Toys For Kids Program a huge success once again this year! Our members made 1,020 toys this year that were handed out to 11 organizations. A big thank you to Norm Johnson, Chuck Norman, Ken Garbe, Ron Benson, Max Hernick, Wally Richardson, Jon Robbins, Joe Jurisa, Kevin Sturgeon, Robert Jancich, Phil Malavolta, Frank Berzinis, Bill Schoech and John Hunter.





ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at john.b.hunter@frontier.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

December 19th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

January 6th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM
January 21st Committees Meeting at Marcie's home 7:00 PM
January 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Silent Auction
February 18th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
February 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 18th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
March 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
April 5th & 6th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
April 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM
April 15th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
April 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 20th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
May 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 17th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
June 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM
July 15th Committees Meeting 7:00 PM
July 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 31st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 1st – 4th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 19th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
August 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 31st Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
September 16th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
September 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 6th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM
October 21st Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
October 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 18th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 16th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

TIP: Crackle Lacquer

Crackle lacquer is a manufactured lacquer product with so much solid material, usually silica, added that there isn't enough binder (lacquer) remaining to glue all the solid particles together. This results in the lacquer cracking when it dries and shrinks.

The usual way of applying a crackle-lacquer finish is to first apply a colored background, usually a pigmented lacquer coat. Then spray a coat of colored crackle lacquer, which cracks revealing the color underneath.



Crackle Lacquer

You can control the size of the cracks and “islands” in between by varying the thickness of the crackle coat and the length of time it takes to dry. Thicker and slower drying crackle coats develop larger cracks and islands. Thinner and faster drying crackle coats result in smaller cracks and islands.

Simply by moving your spray gun faster and slower and at greater and lesser distances from the workpiece, you can create a pleasing effect.

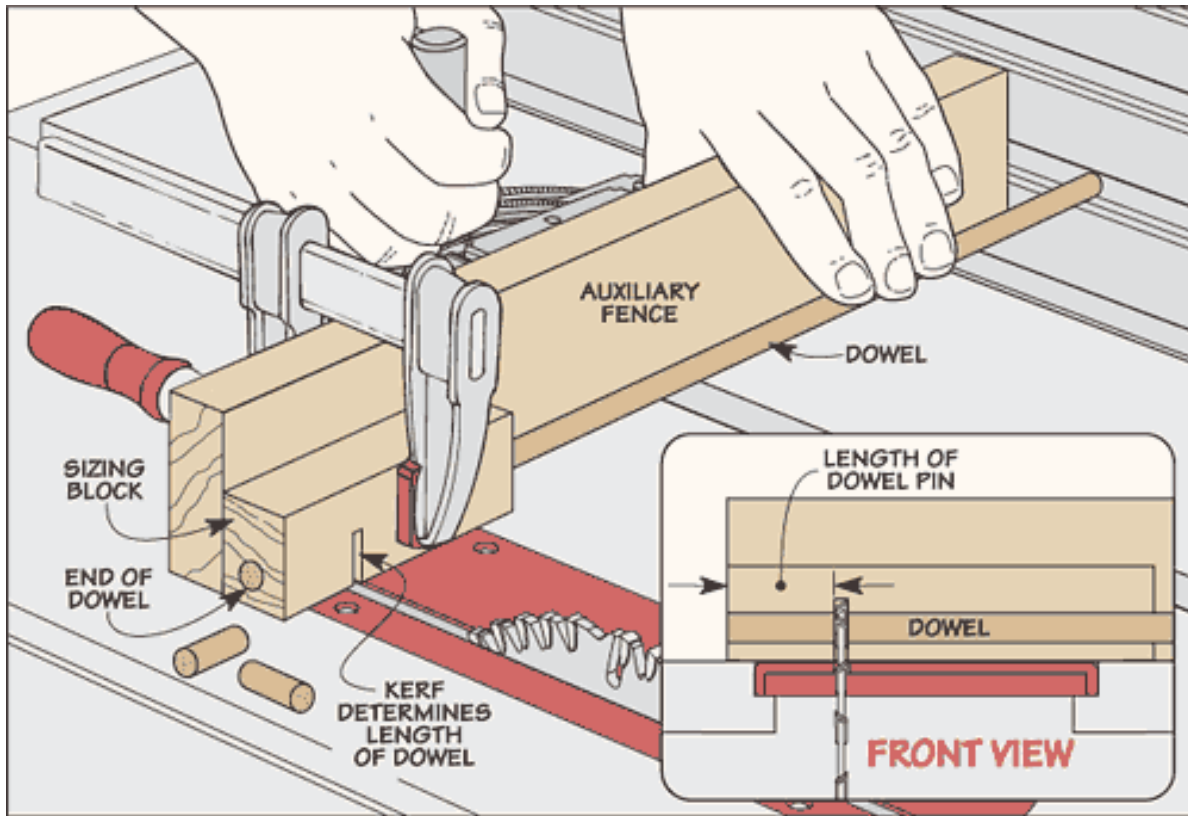
Always apply a clear coat (gloss, satin or flat) over the crackle coat to protect it from being shattered when struck by a hard object.

Dowel Pin Cutting Jig

Cutting multiple short dowel pins can be tedious work. So I made a simple dowel pin cutting jig to speed things up.

This jig only takes a few minutes to make and set up on your table saw. Then it's easy to quickly cut dowels to equal length without measuring.

It's simply a block of wood with a hole drilled through it the same size as the dowel to be cut (*see drawing below*). The block is then clamped to an auxiliary fence on the miter gauge.



To use the jig, first cut a kerf in the block at the desired length of the dowel. Next, pass the dowel into the hole. Position it flush with the end of the hole and make a cut. Then you can quickly push it through again to cut the next dowel pin to the same exact length.

I made blocks to accommodate several dowel sizes. That way I'm ready to size dowel pins when the need arises.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*