



Stones River Woodworkers Club

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The meeting for the Woodworkers has been cancelled this month.



I finally finished this cedar chest from WW2 POW camp in Tullahoma.

Mary Nichols



My next door neighbor has been out of school for a couple months. . she couldn't get a job because of the virus and she was bored to tears. I had her come over to help me with a couple bread racks I made for my sister (for cooling fresh bread) and she really enjoyed herself. Neither of us go anywhere and we keep more than 6 feet apart so I asked if she would like to make some to sell. She jumped at the chance. I had her do a business plan and figure out all the budgeting and costs and profits before we could start. She sold 25 of them within a couple days! So now she's doing all the work with me just supervising. She finished the first 6 yesterday.



She even created a jig for the dowel holes that saves her a lot of time. . .I told her I was keeping it!! LOL (I'm including a picture with my hole template and her new and improved one with the screws for points.) This project has also kept me from going stir crazy. . . ;0) (PS - I have her permission to use her picture and send to newsletter.) It would be great if the club could do something like this with young folks on a larger scale after the danger passes. It's been a lot of fun teaching her about woodworking. . .I think she's hooked. She asked if we could make some little boxes after she finishes these.



I am also wondering if anyone has suggestions for getting the sticky tag residue off the dowels. We used the heat gun to get the tags off but the sticky remains. We can't use the regular stuff (like Goo Gone, WD-40, hair spray, lemon pledge) because they aren't food safe. We tried vinegar but it didn't work and finally settled on scrubbing the residue with mineral oil. . . it doesn't get it all off, but it helps. Thought I'd ask you all if you have any ideas.

drmarylynn@comcast.net Thanks Mary Nichols



My shop time is still limited to a few hours a day but I did manage to make 3 bobbins for a customer in CA. Front one is her original not made by me

Robert Woolfolk

I've been reorganizing my shop, by doing those little tacks that I've been putting off for a long time. My Drill Press, Router lift, Wood Lathe and, Metal Lathe don't have a emergency shut off. The Drill Press and Router have a foot

switch, but they are now going to have both. So, I'm in the process of adding a shut off switches.



Because I'm in a small shop, space is at a premium my Grinder, Metal Vise, Metal Bender have cleats on the bottom that are secured with my woodworking vise while using them. My Grinder is stored under my worktable. Because of the cleat (tilting the grinder backwards) when I put the grinder away it would catch on the workbench legs. My solution was to raise the Grinder on 2x4's with railings, and add a handle (for more control) to the base. Under the grinder I can store extra tool rests etc.

Works Great! Marv Miller



Vise held in woodworking vise



Grinder secured in vise



Bender also held in vise

Hope everyone is staying safe!