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Make Your Own Cutting Boards: Smart Projects & Stylish Designs For A Hands-On Kitchen



Synopsis

Whether you're new to the craft of woodworking and looking for a great first project or you're a seasoned craftsman showcasing a piece of treasured wood, it's hard to deny the appeal of a cutting board. The techniques can be as simple or as complex as you like and the finished designs can be tailored to suit any style or taste. For beginners, these gateway projects are a great way to try out a new hobby easily, quickly, and with limited tools. For old hands, making cutting boards is a gorgeous way to showcase a beautiful piece of lumber or to hone and highlight a complex technique you're trying to perfect. Best of all, upon completion, a cutting board is a project that can be proudly used as a sturdy workhorse in your own kitchen or given as a holiday treasure to friend or loved one. Extensive photography and clear, concise instruction make even the most complex techniques easy to understand and conquer. A gallery of inspiring designs sourced from a wide array of makers is also included to spark the creation of your cutting board styles.

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David Picciuto, also known as the Drunken Woodworker, spent 10 years working for marketing agencies, designing and developing websites in Toledo, Ohio. Five years ago, in an effort to have his photography professionally framed for an art show, he was shocked at the cost and decided he could do it himself. David started watching woodworking shows on YouTube and never stopped. He never did make those picture frames but his life was changed. Now, with a YouTube following close to 200K, David is a full-time online content creator, designing, creating and teaching the art of woodworking on his website Make Something.com. Incorporating his art, videography, and

photography backgrounds, *Make Something* teaches the craft of woodworking through information, inspiration, and humor while also providing a community platform for sharing projects and conversing with like-minded makers. David currently lives in Toledo, OH.

A cutting board might seem to be a pretty simple project. Rip down some strips of hardwood, glue them up, stuff the glue up through the planer, square off the ends, sand off the snipe, round over the corners and edges, and slather on a rag full of olive oil. But a cutting board doesn't have to be a mundane project, a well made, thoughtfully designed cutting board can be a work of art as well as a supremely useful kitchen tool. This book features 15 detailed designs with step by step instructions to construct each one. There is a cutting board design for just about any style of kitchen. For each of the designs Mr. Piccuito provides detailed photographs and instructions to build the featured cutting board, together with a variety of techniques to lay out, cut, assemble, and finish the boards. Moreover, the techniques he shows in this book can be applied to a wide variety of other woodworking projects, not just cutting boards. He also provides a gallery of 22 photographs submitted by followers of his website and YouTube channel if you need any additional inspiration to get out into the workshop. Included among the techniques demonstrated in the book: making breadboard ends, making inlays, preserving live edges, working with reclaimed wood, finishing techniques, and methods of smoothing and flattening end grain. About the only thing missing that he might have included would be using a router sled to flatten your cutting board if you don't have a planer, but the internet contains abundant information on that. If your shop is a bit dingy from disuse, this book should inspire you to get back to the workbench. If you are looking for some Christmas presents to batch out, this is a go-to source, and if you just want to do some armchair woodworking, Mr. Piccuito has concocted the perfect mix of words and pictures to clearly show woodworkers how to make some wonderful designs. As with his previous book on band saw boxes, Mr. Piccuito's passion for making things pours from the pages of this book, and his enthusiasm is contagious.

While not intended to cover every base, I believe this book is excellent for most woodworkers who want to get a head start in making their own cutting boards for gifts, their own use, or making them for sale. The author has done many YouTube videos that encourage woodworkers and really anyone to be creative and most of all have fun. He shows us how a positive attitude and working through problems and mistakes can allow us to be successful. Some of the projects are more involved than others, but even the more basic cutting boards look very nice and are most of all functional. A great value for sure. David's *Band Saw Box* book along with this cutting board book

are a great gift duo.

I was already a fan of David Picciuto's Youtube channel, so I wanted his book for some future projects. This is a great book for cutting board ideas. I'm very happy with this purchase.

I've made many of the projects. Best to have machine tools for most of the projects. The idea of doing some of them by hand is terrifying .

Item was as described and shipping was great.

Perfect gift for the woodworker.

Good book

Very good book

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