

ROCKLER SIMPLIFIES WOOD BENDING PROCESS

New Steam Bending Kit Makes it Possible to Add Unique Bends and Curves to Any Type of Wood

MEDINA, MN (September 20, 2011) - Rockler Woodworking and Hardware has introduced the Steam Bending Kit, a unique device woodworkers and do-it-yourselfers can use with any steam box to give any wood species enough plasticity to bend or curve to their liking. With no moving parts, the Steam Bending Kit makes it very easy to bend wood used in the construction of oval Shaker boxes, instruments, specialized molding, doors, handrails, and many other applications.

"A steam box changes the way woodworkers think about woodworking", said Steve Krohmer, Vice President of product development. "The Steam Bending Kit allows its user to change wood shapes as part of a new design, or to match the curves of an existing design."

The Steam Bending Kit includes a built-in heating element that heats water and the contents of the steam box to 212° F. The refillable 5.3 quart reservoir may be filled and refilled to provide continuous steam when necessary on larger projects or when bending thicker, denser wood. Also included is a 10' long steam hose that safely directs steam to the steam box, and an assembly plan that provides easy step-by-step instructions on how to build a custom steam box.

The Steam Bending Kit and Plan (42826) retails for \$89.99. It is available at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware stores nationwide, Rockler's independent resellers, Rockler.com, or in the Rockler catalog. For store locations or a free catalog, please visit www.rockler.com or call 1-877-ROCKLER.

Note: Hi-resolution images and text to go along with this news release are available for download at www.rockler.com/news.

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