

ROCKLER KICKS OFF PROJECT SEASON WITH “MAKE-AND-TAKE” PROJECTS

MEDINA, MN. (Sept. 7, 2017) — To jumpstart the fall project and gift-making season, Rockler Woodworking and Hardware stores nationwide will be offering hands-on "Make-and-Take" classes throughout October in which participants can learn new woodworking skills while handcrafting items for their own use or to give as gifts.

Projects include a custom knife; a wooden footstool; a turned pen; and a beanbag toss game board. Participants can sign up for any or all of the classes, and take home their completed project after each class. Plans, videos and materials also will be available online for those who want to make the projects on their own.

"These make-and-take classes are a great way for anyone to try their hand at woodworking," said Scott Ekman, Rockler's vice president of marketing. "No experience is necessary, and everyone leaves with a completed project and some new skills."

All Rockler stores will offer the "make-and-take" classes, and a different project is scheduled for each week. Class size will be limited from three to six participants, so lots of one-on-one help will be available.

Each class will last 2 to 3 hours and will focus on a single project. In the knife-making class, they'll mount, shape and finish a custom wood handle/grip on a knife kit. In the wooden footstool class, they'll use routing, pocket hole joinery, and finish sanding to construct a functional footstool. In the pen turning class, they'll turn and finish a pen body on the lathe and assemble it with the included Manhattan style hardware kit. In the beanbag toss board class, they'll build a single 2-foot by 4-foot game board. Participants can use a free plan to make the second board at home, or enroll in a second class to complete the set.

The cost of the pen turning class is \$25; the knife making and wooden footstool classes each cost \$35, and the beanbag toss board class is \$45. Cost includes materials and supplies. More details and links to register for local classes are available at www.rockler.com/makeandtake.



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