



Bookmark Project 2016

These items are small, fairly quickly made, and a good way of using up off-cuts and odds and ends you have lying around.

They also make great little presents for friends and family!

It is hoped that enough members will want to get involved, perhaps making several items each, so that we can have an additional category in this October's Seaton Cup (but if not, then we'll merge them into the Applied category).

The intention is that a number of the items made could become templates for a new range of kits that we can have available for 2017, perhaps alongside some of the coasters from our main project.

Bookmarks are probably best made from three layers of veneer, with the grain of the middle layer at right angles to that of the front and back layers, giving strength and reducing the possibility of warping.

The outside layers are constructed like a picture or piece of marquetry in the usual way, and then glued and pressed with the middle piece to give strength.

The sanding and polishing process is much the same as for a picture (layers of sanding sealer sanded back, finishing off with wax), with additional rounding of the four corners to finish them off.

You may wish to have a plain 'back' or effectively have two 'fronts'. You can personalise them with names or initials.

You could choose to have a different coloured veneer for the middle layer to give contrast, or have all three the same for consistency.

Go with whatever you fancy!

An ideal size for the finished bookmark is 150mm long and 40mm wide (so start a few mm bigger and trim down once glued).

Deadline – a reminder that the Seaton Cup is the first Wednesday in October.

