

**You are recommended to read all the instructions before starting.**

## **Veneer & Design Pack For A6 Notebook Kit**



**Pack of veneers, design ideas and instructions to accompany the QJS Marquetry Notebook Kit**

The pack contains four large pieces – these are your "backgrounds" for the inside and outside faces of your notebook. Choose which pair you will use inside and outside (note: the entire inside of the notebook needs to be veneered, but the decorated area of the outside is smaller as part of the area is taken up by the leatherette hinge.)

### **Decorate the Covers**

Decide whether your notebook is going to be used in "landscape" – with the hinge on the left like a normal book (or on the right if you routinely write in a language written right-to-left) – or "portrait" with the hinge at the top like a reporter's notebook.

Prepare your marquetry. There are some design ideas attached, but you can use any photo or drawing. You will want to decorate the front cover, but consider also putting marquetry on the back, or maybe adding some small personal decoration – such as initials – on the inside.

Details of the "window method" for making marquetry are available on my website at: <http://qjsmarquetry.co.uk/downloads/instructions-window-method.pdf> or send an SAE to: Quentin Smith, 15 Newport Road, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BE

## Gluing Down

**NB: ONLY glue the main flat areas – not the recessed parts where the fabric hinge will fit. Note that the covers may need light sanding to remove any minor blemishes in the surface or machining.**

Once your marquetry is complete, tape the front of the design and remove any tape or glue from the back. Apply adhesive (I use PVA wood glue) to the notebook cover and glue it to the marquetry. Do not apply glue to the marquetry as it will curl and become difficult to handle. Use some thick, flat boards and clamps to get good pressure, and include some padding such as newspaper or plastic foam sheet to take up any unevenness in the thickness of the marquetry. It's a good idea to put a piece of plastic next to your marquetry in case any glue oozes through any of your joins.

Leave to dry, then remove the clamps and trim off the excess veneer around the edges. You don't have to be too precise, but be careful not to break away any vulnerable areas. On the inside back cover drill or poke through the cord holes.

Once one side of each cover has been completed veneer the other side as soon as possible – leaving just one side veneered may cause warping. Again trim off any excess.

## Sanding and Polishing

**NB: the boards are MDF, which produces dust that can irritate some sensitive individuals. Ensure you have good ventilation or use appropriate extraction.**

Remove any tape from the front of your marquetry and carefully sand the surface with medium-grade abrasive (something like 180 or 220 grit) until smooth. Sand the edges of the boards, "feathering" in the edges of the veneer. A nail file or emery board can be helpful for shaping the edges.

Wood finishing is an art in itself. For a simple result we suggest a water-based acrylic varnish (follow the manufacturer's instructions), but feel free to use your preferred method. Apply one or more coats of your chosen finish ensuring the edges are well covered. DO NOT cover the recessed areas where the hinge will fit.

Once the marquetry is complete and the finish has dried assemble your notebook following the instructions from the notebook kit.

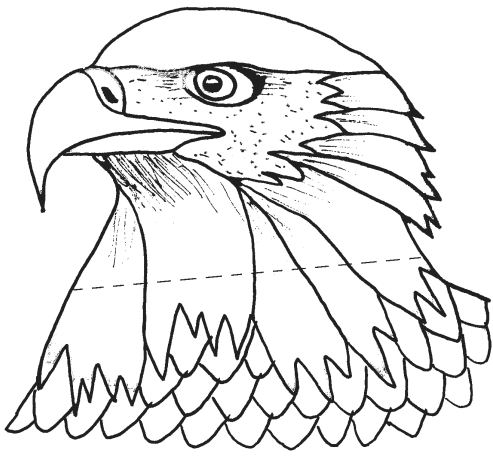
- Check my website for design ideas and to see what some of my other customers have made.
- If your notebook turns out well please email me a photo for my "customer's gallery"

For more help and information about marquetry please contact:

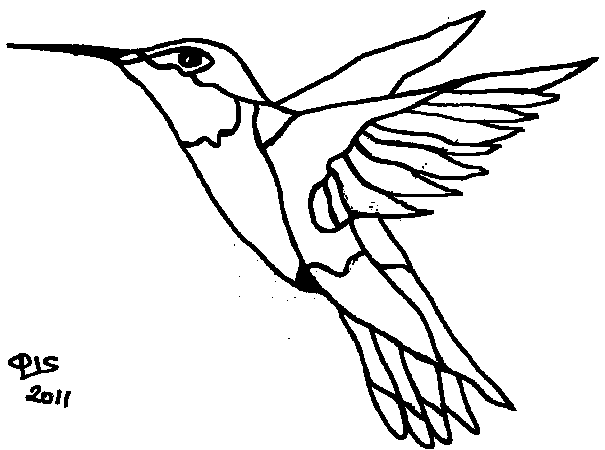
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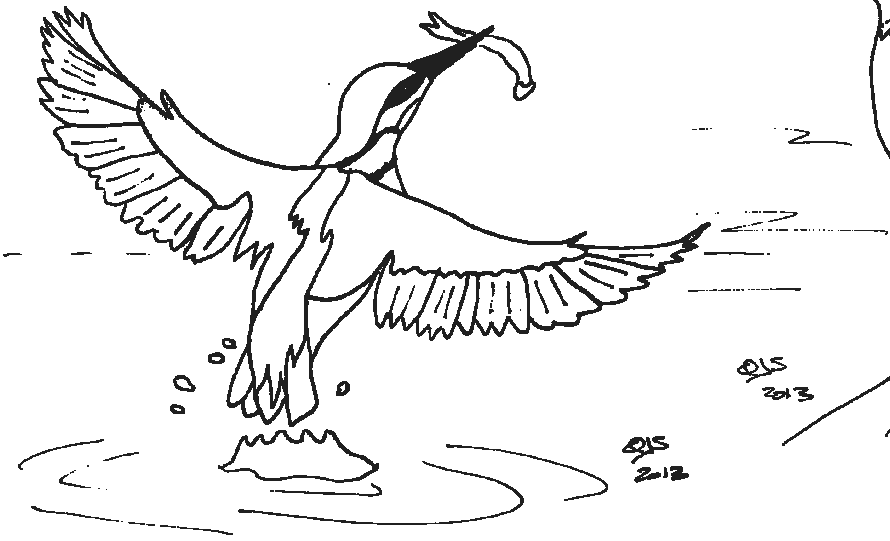
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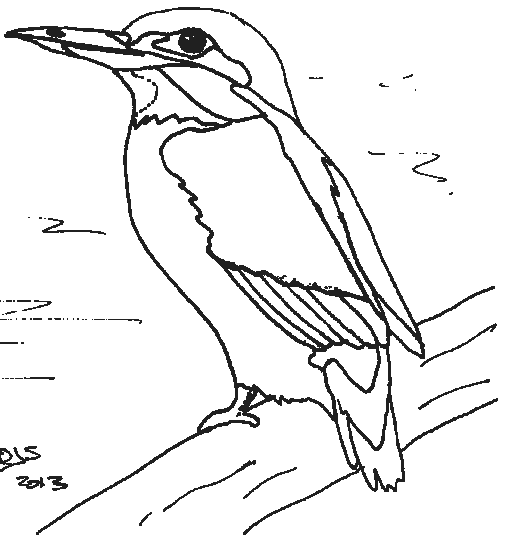
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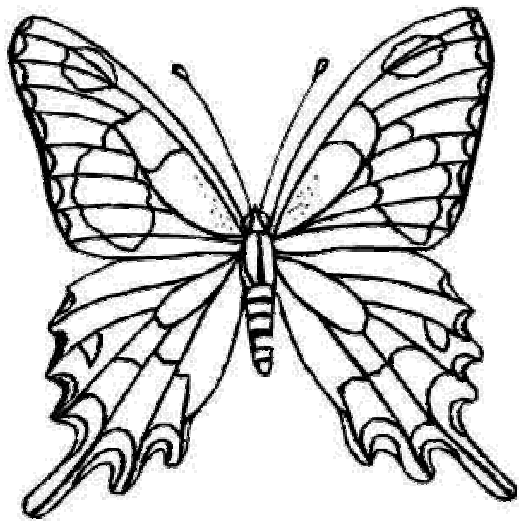
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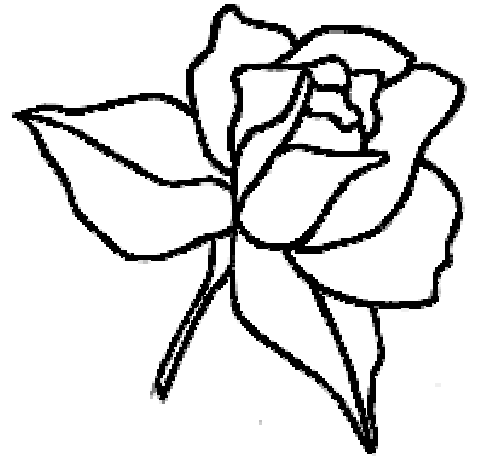
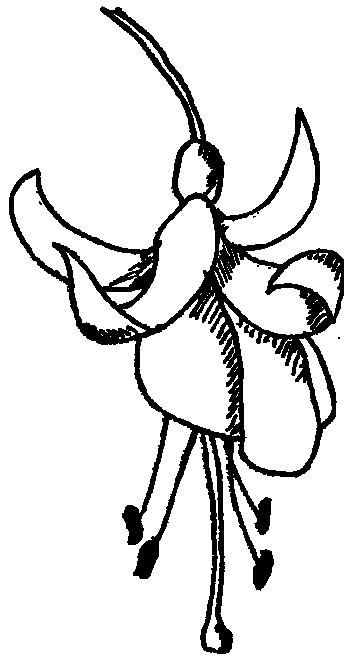
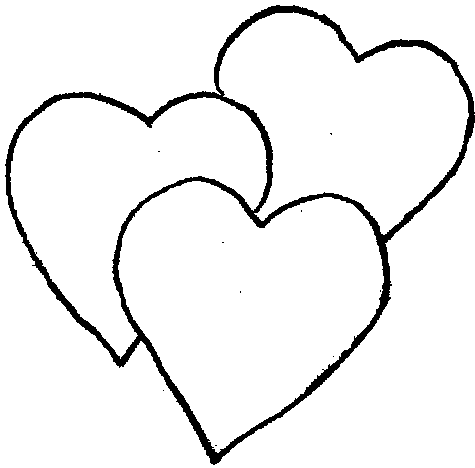
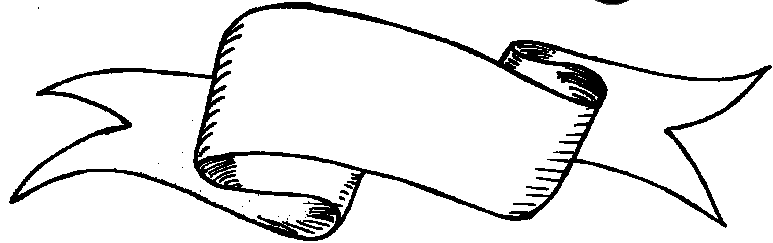


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