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This imaginative design not only makes a wonderful gift, it's also a great way to build your woodworking skills.



I think of building boxes as a fundamental woodworking skill. After all, the techniques used are also key to many larger furniture projects. And when you consider the smaller scale of a box and the added scrutiny a small project receives from the viewer, your woodworking skills, and attention to detail, will be put to the test.

Boxes are also perfect projects for using up small pieces of special or exotic wood. You probably have plenty of these cutoffs left over from larger projects.

The ribbon handle box shown here is an excellent skill builder. The basic box is built using splined miters, and a special technique helps you create a lipped, fitted lid. But the most eye-catching characteristic of the box is its interesting inlay and handle.

This box makes a great gift in and of itself. Or if you're really feeling generous, you could use it as the "wrapping" for an even more special present.



▲ The "ribbon handle" box, named for the distinctive handle and inlay on the sides, is made from ash with lacewood and wenge used for the details.

Construction Details

Overall Dimensions: $8^{13}/16"$ x $5^{1}/4"$ x $4^{1}/32"$



