



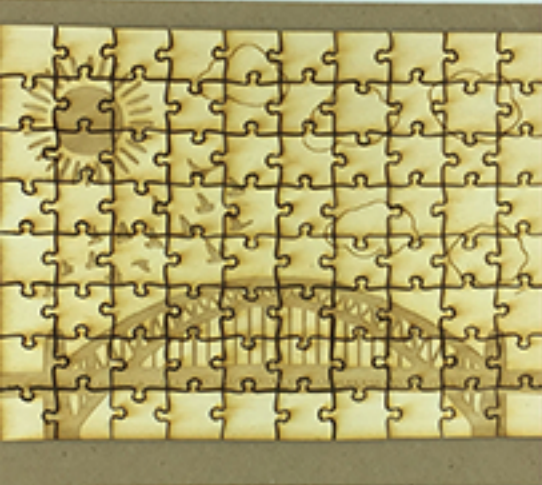
BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY MAKERLAB HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



It really is better to give than to receive, especially when you make your gifts using the Barrington Area Library MakerLab.

Customize one of the projects our staff has compiled in this guide, or, create something entirely your own.

Don't worry about technical expertise. Our Digital Services staff is available to help via appointment. E-mail or call Ken Fritz:
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HOLIDAY COASTERS

Save your table from hot cocoa stains this winter with laser-etched, leather-like coasters. Choose from one of three pre-made designs, or create a unique design on your own following this tutorial. There is a fee of \$1.50 for each coaster. Download the Holiday Coaster template.

ORNAMENTS



Create individual ornaments or make a complete set, including a tree, present, snowflake, and bell. Cost will vary based on the choice of wood and number of projects - this is a great way to take advantage of extra scrap wood, potentially adding no further cost. New projects start at \$1.50. Download laser cut ornaments template.

3-D PRINTED STARS



Give as a gift or decorate your home with this simple, plastic star. Download the 3-D Printed Star file and submit it to our 3-D Print queue. Many different styles and designs are available for download on Thingiverse. The version seen here costs \$.90.

CUSTOMIZED WOODEN GIFT BOXES



These gift boxes are perfect for small presents. Dimensions, materials, and inscription are completely customizable. We used <https://en.makercase.com/#/> to easily generate the box template, then took the .svg file into Inkscape for further embellishments.



HOLIDAY SIGN

Greet passers-by with a welcoming message this season. Font, message, materials, and finishes are completely customizable. No template is needed as you can size to fit your needs. The sign shown here is made from walnut and Baltic birch plywood. Layers are glued together with a piece of twine to wrap around a hanger or other objects.

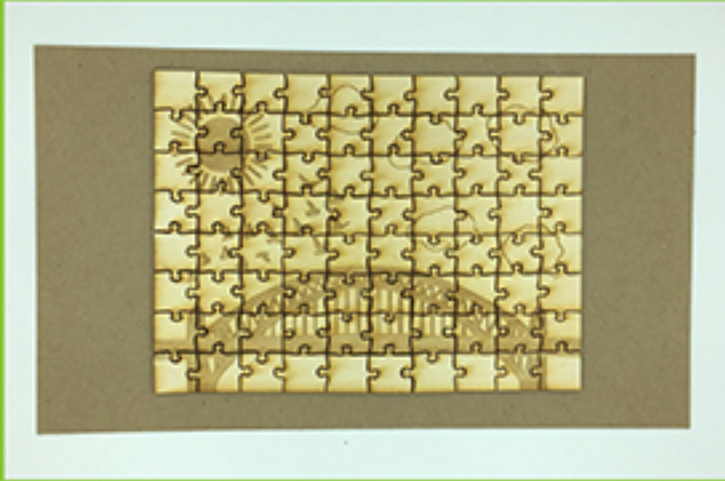


NOTEBOOK

A custom, leather-like notebook is a perfect gift to start the new year. The notebooks are available in multiple colors and cost \$5.00 each.

To design your own cover, please download Inkscape, then open the notebook template.

LASER-CUT JIGSAW PUZZLE



A great indoor activity for the cold winter months. Learn how to design your own wooden jigsaw puzzle. Download your customizable puzzle outline and then add your own images using Inkscape. The fee for an 8" x 6" puzzle is \$3.

LASER-CUT WOODEN PICTURE FRAME



Create a personalized 4"x 6" frame for a special family photo. Design and cut the frame, then complete the project by simply gluing the wood pieces together. Download the template and follow these video instructions. There is a fee of \$3 per frame on Baltic Birch Plywood. Pricing varies for other woods. Pictured: Unfinished Baltic birch plywood and stained cherry hardwood.



WINE CADDY

A wonderful choice for fans of outdoor concerts or for hosts who need an extra hand serving their guests. This design is easily modified to take a custom inscription, and designs are available for 2, 3, or 4 glasses. Cost varies based on wood choice, but starts at \$1.50. The item pictured is Cherry with a coat of stain. [Download the Wine Caddy template.](#)

STEMLESS GLASS



This glass pairs well with a personalized design for a coworker, teacher, or family member. To create your own design, download Inkscape, then open the stemless wine glass template. There is a fee of \$1.00 per wine glass.

PINT GLASS



Not sure what to get someone on your list? You can't go wrong with a classic pint glass. Personalize it with a name or fun logo. Create your own custom design using this tutorial and Inkscape: open the pint glass template. There is a fee of \$1.00 per pint glass.

WOODEN SIGN



This project is incredibly versatile. Seen here as a 24" bedroom sign. Modify the shape or size to create custom placeholders for a gathering, or incorporate a favorite quote for daily inspiration. Due to the wide range of possibilities, no template is available, but our staff is happy to help you get started.

The project in the picture used \$9 of MakerLab materials, and paint, wood glue, and scrap wood to mount to the wall. Supplemental materials are not provided by the Library.

CHECKERBOARD/CHESS BOARD



Cozy up and challenge someone to a classic game of checkers or chess. This board looks great with this basic design, but also offers many options to customize. Some options for customization include individually etched wood pieces with names, or a custom surround to enclose the board. Price varies based on the materials used, and choice of base. Download the checkerboard template.

LUGGAGE TAGS



When you are ready to resume travel, pack your bags and set them apart with these leather luggage tags. There is a \$2 cost for each luggage tag. Download the luggage tag template.

MAP & NAMEPLATE



Show pride for a favorite place with this map and nameplate. Both elements are customizable. This is another candidate for using your scrap wood, potentially limiting additional fees. The nameplate can also be part of a frame or border.



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