

## Welcome to the Memory Box Special Interest Group (SIG) Minnesota Woodworkers Guild

What is a Memory Box?

A Memory Box holds mementos and memories for parents who have suffered the loss of a child in a hospital. The request for the Memory Boxes comes from the hospitals as a gift to the child's parents. We work with nurses at the hospitals who collect these items and give them to the parents, a special gift of a beautiful box of treasures.



The feedback and gratitude we receive from our friends in the medical field is, to say the least, overwhelming. The family feedback has been total and complete heartfelt thanks and appreciation. They are so touched that someone would take the time to craft something so beautiful to remember their child and gift it to them. The nurses told us they can't put into words how appreciative the families are.

This Special Interest Group was created to provide an opportunity for those of us with an interest in using our tools and talents to help grieving parents. We would love to have you join us and contribute some of your skills and gifts to help ease the pain for those who have lost a loved one.

Do not feel this is a contest for who can make the best box or that your work is not good enough, it is the thought that comes through. This is a chance to use up some of the scraps you keep moving around and to improve and perfect your skills. We encourage you to enjoy the satisfaction of a project with a purpose. You can see a variety of boxes made by your fellow members if you are at a loss for "what should it look like?"

If you're new to woodworking this is a great starter project. If you are stumped as to how to do this, there are many of your guild members ready to help. Even if you're a seasoned woodworker and not sure what project to do next, this is the perfect opportunity to satisfy your wood working itch while you are planning your grand project.

Thank you,  
Ken Jones / Jay Ankeny

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