MUSEUM TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK ON WOODWORKING

HOW TO MAKE OBJECTS OF WOOD, a manual of self instruction for beginners working at home or in school, will be published by the Museum of Modern Art on January 7. The 95-page book includes photographs and diagrams for 9 projects ranging from simple boxes, children’s toys and picture frames to advanced cabinet making and model making. Necessary tools for each project are also illustrated with emphasis on hand tools, although there is a section on the use of power tools.

The book was written by Kendall T. Bassett and Arthur Thurman in collaboration with Victor D’Amico, Director of the People's Art Center of the Museum of Modern Art. Like its predecessors in the Art for Beginners Series, this book is based on methods and techniques of teaching beginners which have proved successful in the classes at the People's Art Center.

The aim of the series is to develop creative power along with fine craftsmanship. While the beginner is shown how to make particular objects, he is also urged to create his own designs, and guided into thinking of design as an integral part of construction.

HOW TO MAKE OBJECTS OF WOOD sells for $2.50 in a cloth bound edition, $1.50 in paper bound edition. Museum members receive a 25% discount on the cloth bound edition.