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MOUNTAIN DULCIMER WITH JOHN RESSLER
June 13-14, 2020

Please note: There is a \$150.00 material fee payable to John when you are here for this class. Please bring a check with you to pay John directly.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

A mountain dulcimer is a tremendous traditional folk instrument that is fun to build and easy to play. For this class we will be building an hour-glass shaped instrument with walnut backs and sides and a spruce top. Since this is only a 2 day class, a few parts will be pre-made due to time constraints, but we will review how all parts are made. We will do a short group lesson on playing if time permits.

CLASS STRUCTURE

All steps of the process will be demonstrated. Additionally there will be templates and drawings for you to refer to as well.

INTENDED ITINERARY

Day 1

- Cut out & brace backs & tops,
- Glue end blocks and headstock
- Cut out sound hole designs
- Fret the fingerboard

Day 2

- Trim sides
- Complete Headstock
- Install nut & saddle
- Install strings
- Tune them up! (Group lesson if time permits)

TOOL LIST

- Japanese type pull saw or small finishing saw
- X-acto knife
- 1/2" or 3/4" chisel
- 6" or 12" combination square
- Side cutting pliers
- Awl
- 6" or 12" ruler
- 12" Center Point Rule (available at Woodcraft, Lee Valley, etc.)
- Cordless drill with 1/16" drill bit and screw bit driver (optional)
- Old bath towel
- 24" or 36" straight edge (optional)
- Fret hammer (optional)
- PPE (Dust Mask, Hearing Protection, Safety Glasses)
- Any other favorite hand tools

For technical questions, please feel free to contact me direct:

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