

## Getting Started in Intarsia

I first began designing intarsia patterns for my father-in-law, over thirteen years ago. When one of his customers would ask for a hard to find dog breed or want a special custom intarsia of their pet, I would create the pattern. The customers loved their unique intarsia pieces and I realized there was a demand for uncommon patterns... patterns that were not easily available or impossible to find. I started to market my patterns and the response was wonderful.

Intarsia artists tried my patterns with great results and I have been designing custom patterns for intarsia artists ever since. I offer a wide variety of dog breeds, cats, horses & wildlife. If you are looking for a certain dog breed or other uncommon subject matter, please drop me a line and I will add it to my "to do list". Check back often to see if it has been added, or you can order a custom pattern & have it right away. Go to my web site to see more about my patterns:

[www.kathywise.com](http://www.kathywise.com).

## About my Pattern Designs

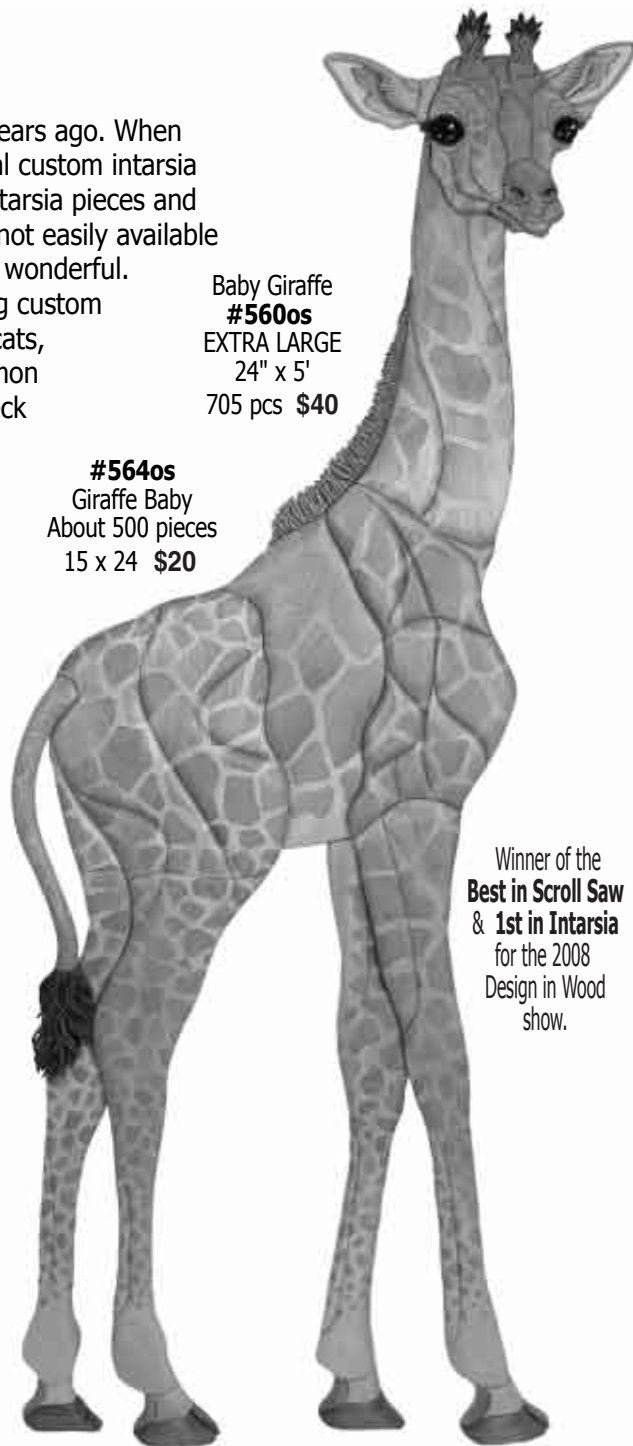
I have designed many custom patterns from photos for many different intarsia artists, subjects ranging from dogs to alpacas. All of these patterns were not tested prior to sending them to my customers. Every client was very pleased with their pattern and finished piece. Many of these patterns are included in my catalog sheets. Some of the new patterns posted on my catalog pages have not yet been produced in wood. This is a new approach in selling intarsia patterns, one which enables me to supply a wide selection of unique and seldom found patterns to intarsia artists. Most of my patterns are designed for intermediate & advanced woodworkers who have some experience in working with intarsia. I have received many wonderful emails & letters from customers who have used and enjoyed my patterns. I do not include a color photo of the finished piece. I use a gray scale thumbnail of the pattern to indicate the lights & darks in the pattern, I know many intarsia artists like to pick out the type and color of their wood according to personal preference and what is available locally. I believe a pattern should be a starting point for intarsia artists ... each intarsia piece is a unique and creative vision produced by the intarsia artist. If you are looking for something new and different try one of my patterns. I am so sure that you would be happy with my patterns, I will send a free pattern for you to try. Just email or mail your address to me and **ASK FOR A FREE PATTERN**, (please include \$3 for postage in USA & Canada). I will send a free sample pattern of my Labrador Puppy & Doggy Door, a \$10 value.



**Are You Home Yet?**  
Free Pattern by Kathy Wise

## Kathy Wise's Intarsia Art

I have been sculpting dogs and animals professionally for over 30 years. I have written over 24 articles for Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts magazine featuring my unique pattern designs. "INTARSIA WOODWORKING PROJECTS" my first book was published in fall 08 by Fox Chapel. My second book, "INTARSIA WOODWORKING FOR BEGINNERS" will be available in Fall of 09. I have worked in many medias over the years including clay, bronze, stone, as well as wood. I like incorporating different colors and interesting grains in the wood that I use for my intarsia. I try to get a lot of depth in my intarsia art by using shims & thicker wood. I use a pneumatic drum sander for most all my shaping and finish the pieces with a sanding mop, then apply a natural gel varnish finish. I enjoy creating large custom intarsia murals like the 8 foot x 6 foot humpback whale and calf commission I am currently working on.



Baby Giraffe  
**#560os**  
EXTRA LARGE  
24" x 5'  
705 pcs \$40

**#564os**  
Giraffe Baby  
About 500 pieces  
15 x 24 \$20

Winner of the  
**Best in Scroll Saw**  
& **1st in Intarsia**  
for the 2008  
Design in Wood  
show.