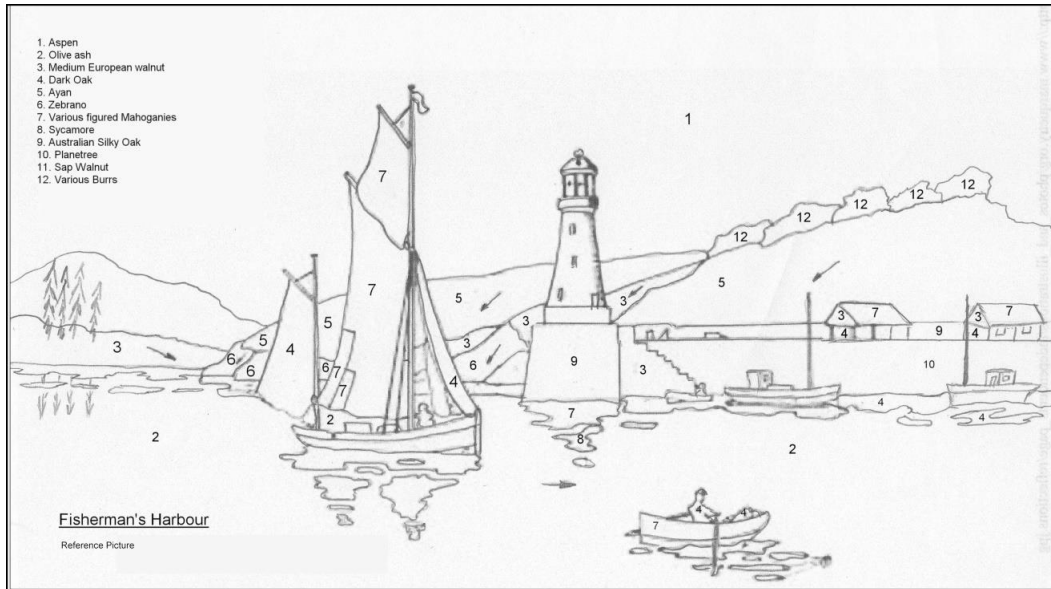


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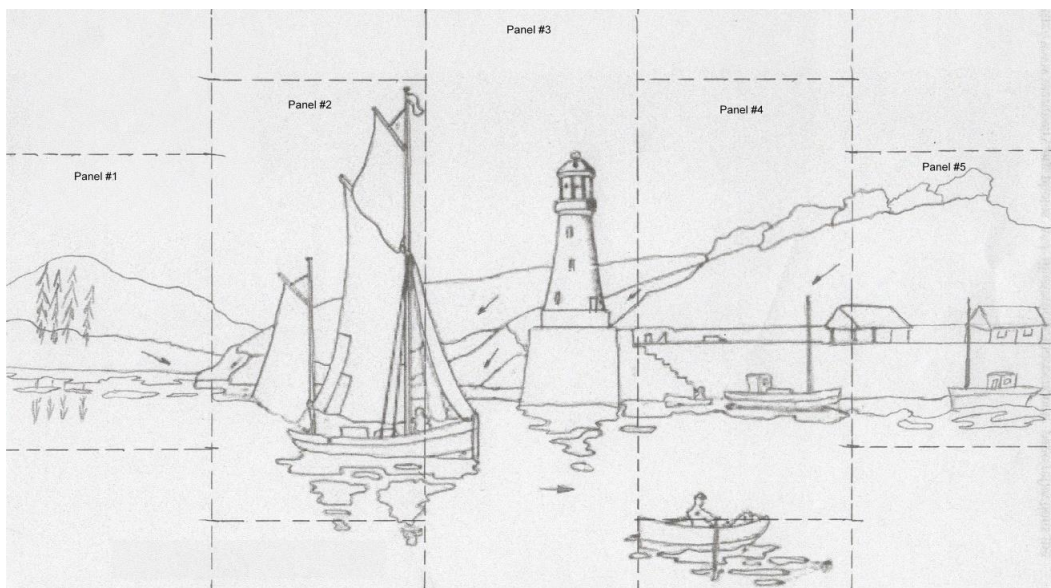


This is my how I made a Marquetry Pentptych, 5 panel wall mount picture, from any image you like. Since I did not take photos of the process I have decided to use the famous Fisherman's Harbour scene, somewhat modified to fit the theme.

The above image shows you our basic image, one you can use to figure the choice of veneer and direction of grain. Or better still use you own initiative to pick the veneer and grain direction. I am limited to a printer size of 11" (27.94cm) x 8.5" (21.59cm) but your picture could be somewhat bigger. In this case panels 2, 3 and 4 are all outside my range.

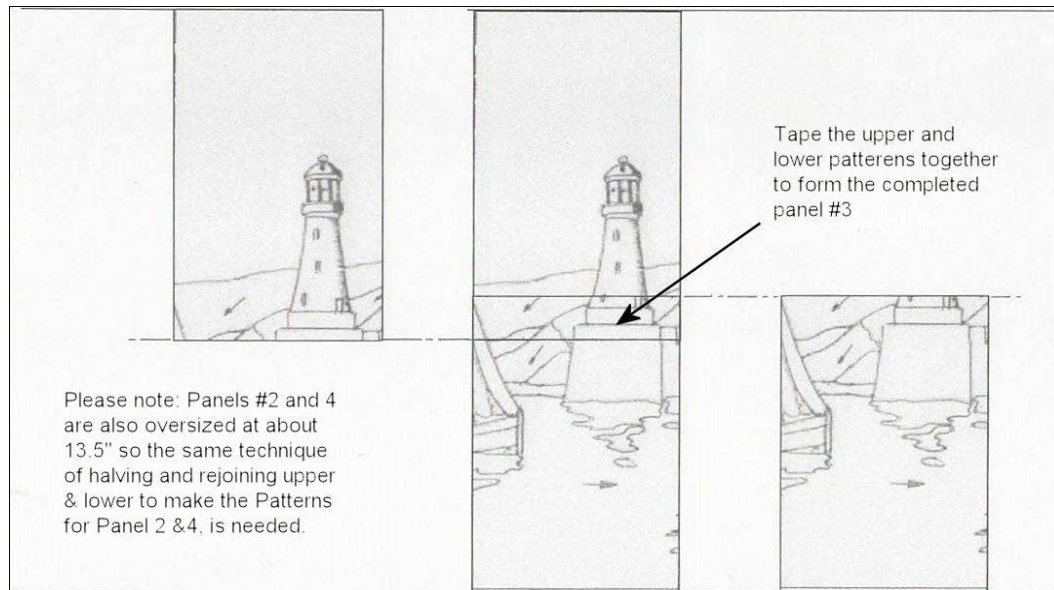
I have cropped my proposed image to 11" (27.94) x 6.31" (15.57cm) to frame and look good. Now we'll make the 5 Patterns you will need to make the 5 marquetry pieces.

Scan the image at 300 dpi and divide the image with a pencil into 5 parts as per vertical lines in image below and in the vane of a Pentptych, reduce the height of panels 1, 2, 4 and 5. see horizontal dotted lines below, to your liking.

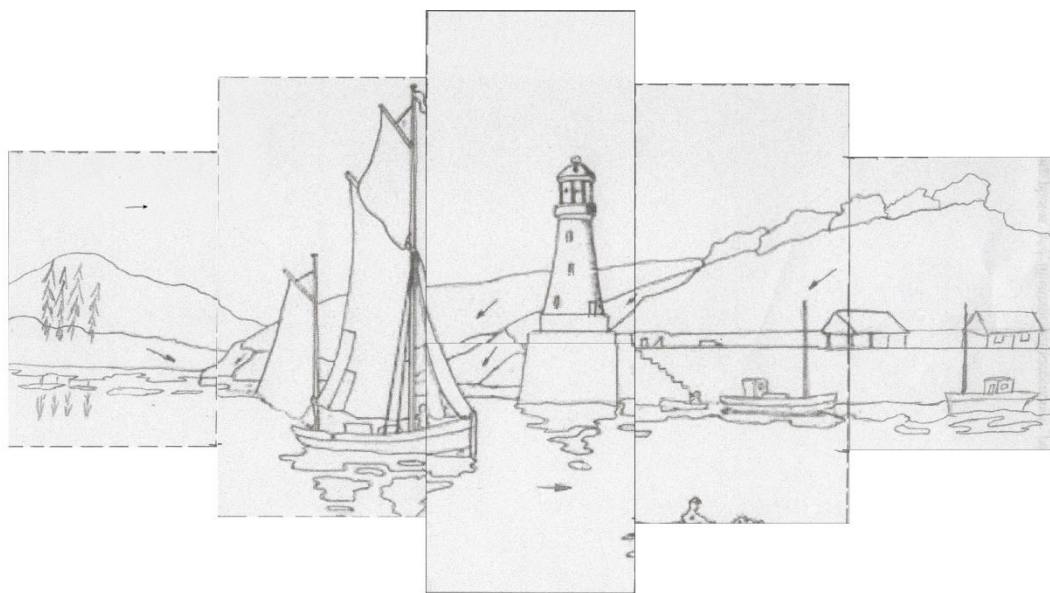


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We will take panel #3, which is over 18" high and show you how to make the Pattern for panel #3. The trick here is to cut the upper and lower halves from your original panel #3 but make them about 3/8" oversized. This will allow you to tape the two halves together to make your Pattern for you panel #3., As shown below. Please note that panels 2 and 4 also need this same treatment.

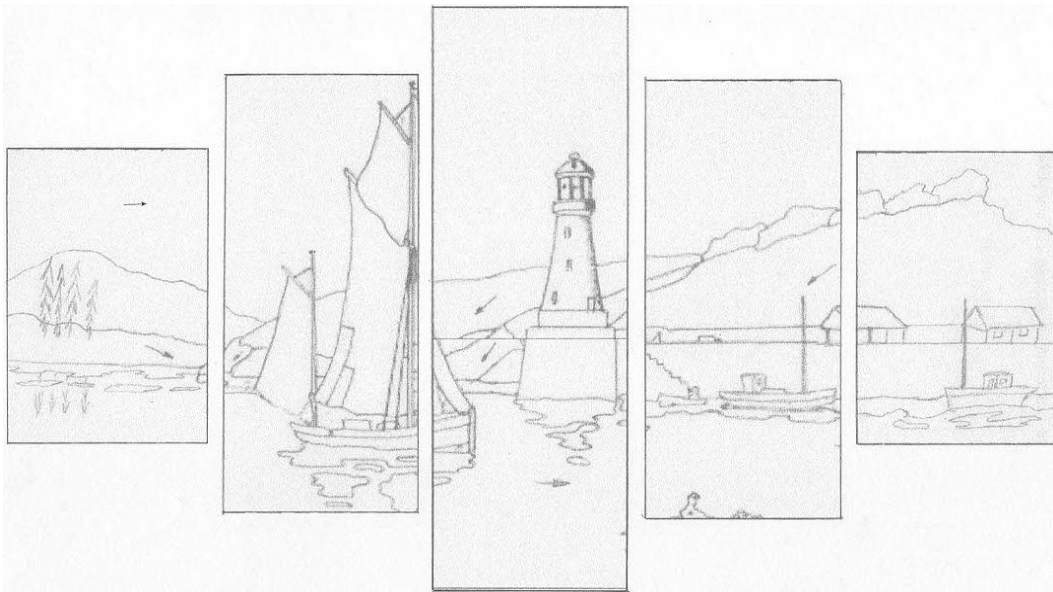


The image below shows all 5 patterns now edge on edge to form the completed marquetry pictur



A true Pentptych has spaces between each panel. In my case I made that 3/8". So to achieve this you need to cut out about 3/16" of the picture off the edges of all panels except the outside edges of panel 1 and 5.

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Now to finish the edges. No marquetry border as such. Simply cut some black dyed veneer to fit the edges of each of the 5 panels and use contact cement to glue the black dyed veneer to each of the five panels.

Congratulations you have a Marquetry Pentptych of your very own.