

Swinging Cradle by Steve McEnna
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When I built this free standing, swinging cradle, I had no idea when it would be used. As it turns out, my oldest son will be using it (in Atlanta) so it's leaving the house. It's of walnut, with a maple spine and swings on 1/2" hardened steel axles in bronze bearings. I've included some pictures of it during the construction. The bottom of the box is dovetailed to the ends and the staves in the sides are tenoned into the rail and bottom, then pinned with 1/8" brass. The overhead mobile was an afterthought, but it swings well when the cradle is rocked. I finished it in time for the Lexington Open Studios show in April 2015.



