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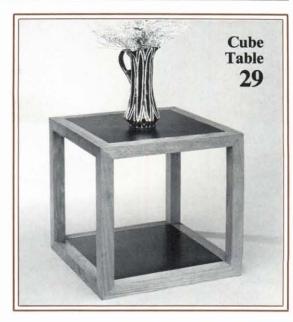


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# Shoptalk

### A New Book

As I write this in mid-September, we are about two weeks away from completing work on a new book. It's called *Contemporary Woodworking Projects* and its author is our long-time associate Paul Levine. The idea for the book was conceived almost five years ago, but it wasn't until early this year that a concerted effort was made to bring all the loose ends together and get it finished.

There's a good mix of large and small projects in the book . . . forty in all, many of which have never before been published, and they range from a cutting board to a white oak credenza. All projects are within the abilities of a woodworker with moderate experience and average shop equipment. The book also introduces two unique joints that are not only strong but provide the projects on which they are used with a distinctive look. I think you'll be pleased with both the content and the overall appearance of the book.

Contemporary Woodworking Projects is in softcover form (which makes for a reasonable price) and we expect to have a good supply on hand by December 1st. We'll start shipping orders on a first come-first served basis, so those orders received before December 1, 1986 can be guaranteed delivery before Christmas. The price is \$14.95 plus a shipping and handling charge of \$1.25, and you'll find an order form on page 8.

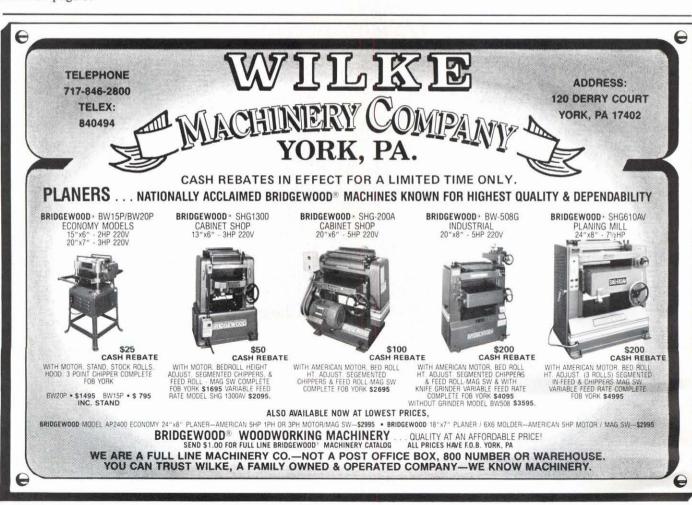
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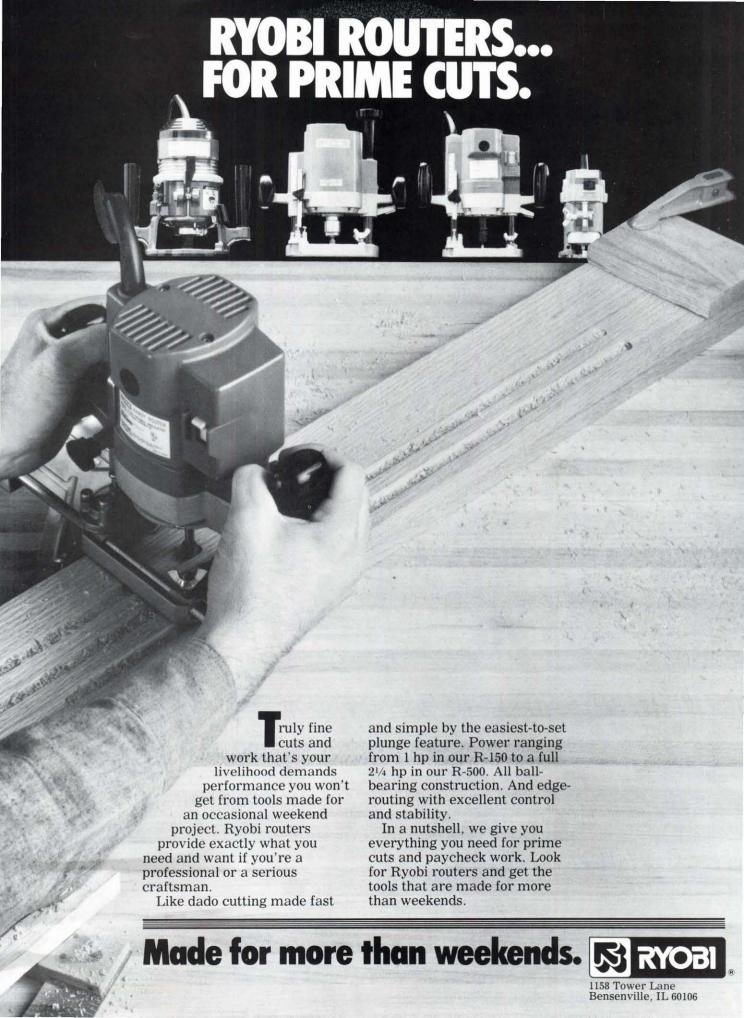
In the last issue I mentioned that, as a woodworker, I've always enjoyed visiting craft fairs and seeing what other woodworkers are doing. I'm particularly fascinated by those gifted individuals who have managed to overcome design and production problems and are able to make all or a good part of their living by selling handcrafted items at these fairs.

Most of these woodworkers attribute their success to products of unique design and superior workmanship. Fortunately for all of us, many are willing to share their ideas, and such is the case with Robert Leung, a superb woodturner from Oakland, California.

While scouting around the big American Craft Enterprises "Craftfair" at West Springfield, Massachusetts, our associate editor Dave Peters was impressed by Mr. Leung's display of handcrafted items and prevailed upon him to share with our readers the design and interesting method of making the lovely adjustable mirror shown on page 40. We hope to continue visiting these craft fairs and "beating the bushes" for more best selling designs by American woodworkers.

Jim McQuillan





# Letters

The Adirondack chair project in your July/August issue looks exactly like one I have that was built over 30 years ago. Your article said that it is very comfortable, and that I can verify after using mine all those years. I'm sure anyone who tackles this project will be well rewarded.

C.R. Arthur, Purvis, Miss.

My wife and I recently made two of the Adirondack chairs featured in your July/August issue. We followed your directions to the letter, including the use of drywall screws. The chairs turned out beautifully and we gave them as gifts to some dear friends of ours.

Two weeks later though, I learned that there was "black stuff" coming off the screws and staining the wood. The drywall screws were rusting, so to solve the problem we replaced them with stainless steel flathead wood screws.

Guy and Gale Johnson, Riverdale, Ga.

An alternative to Mr. Anthony's idea for removing headless bolts (Shop

Tips, September/October 1986) is to thread two nuts and tighten one against the other. The result is as strong as if a nut were welded to the bolt. Using one wrench on the lower nut, it is easy to remove the bolt. One advantage of this method is that it can be used in applications where it is impossible to bring work to a vise.

Pierre Messerli, Pacifica, Calif.

Those foam finishing brushes (often sold under the trade name "Poly-Brush") can still be put to good use after the finishing job is over. I've found that if you peel the foam it exposes a plastic tab that makes an excellent glue spreader. The plastic can be trimmed to suit various applications such as dado slots or rabbet grooves. Also the wooden brush handles, which have a diameter of either \% in. or \% in., can be used as dowel stock.

Richard G. Goar, Great Falls, Mont.

I'm looking for plans for a Martin birdhouse. Can you help?

Louis Manning, Shelbyville, Ky.

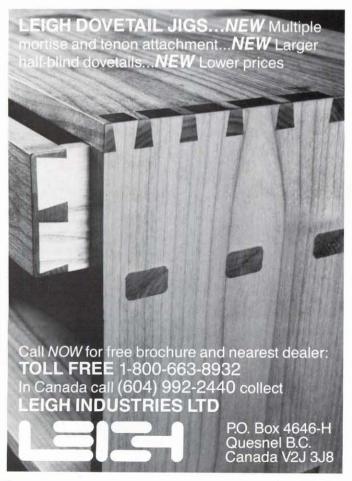
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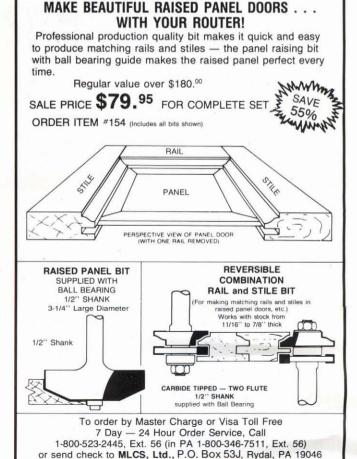
I would like a pattern or information about how to build a Dutch windmill. Do you know of a source?

Alvin Daye, Markesan, Wis.

Mastercraft Plans West, P.O. Box 625, Redmond, WA 98073, sells plans for windmills measuring four to six feet high. Write to them for ordering information.

I thought you might be interested to learn that I have made seven of the tape dispensers you featured in the January/February 1986 issue. I used a variety of woods including rosewood, walnut, padouk, and oak. The rosewood was my favorite because it was heaviest, and that enabled me to tear off a new piece of tape with one hand without the dispenser sliding around the desk. I also minimized this problem by gluing a thin ( $\frac{1}{16}$  -  $\frac{1}{8}$  in.





thick) piece of rubber to the bottom of the dispenser.

Several coats of Watco Danish oil were used as a final finish, and everyone thinks they are beautiful. I hope you continue to include good projects like this in your Gift Shop section.

Robert S. Reser, Roseville, Mich.

In the September/October 1986 issue you gave Elisha Penniman Inc. as a source for the  $\frac{3}{16}$  -  $\frac{17}{32}$  countersink at a cost of \$6.30 each plus shipping.

I received the item this week and you should know that the price has increased to \$9.35 plus shipping.

Even at this price it really does the job of making perfect countersinks in all types of wood.

Donald R. Chapman Woodland Hills, Calif.

I would like to take exception to The Beginning Woodworker article in your July/August 1986 issue titled "All About Router Bits".

In the article you state that thicker

carbide indicates a higher quality bit. An old saying "Don't judge a book by its cover" sure is true of router bits, which our firm has manufactured and distributed for over 35 years. A thick piece of carbide does not constitute a higher quality bit. All it offers the owner is the opportunity to have it resharpened more often. This "convenience" is usually paid for in the initial price of the bit. A thicker piece costs more. The quality of a router bit is determined by its overall attention to craftsmanship and detail. Such things as brazing quality, centerless grinding of the shank, teflon coating, the use of first run, new bearings, tolerance, specifications of concentricity, proper heat-treating of the carbide tool body, the Rockwell hardness and, most important, the grade of carbide used determines the quality of the bit. Big, "thick" pieces of carbide can break off or chip just like "thin" carbide tools. Tools can snap at the shanks, and bearings can sound and feel like old washing machines.

You need a balance between thick and thin. If the carbide is too thin, you're subject to the cutting edge breaking down because of not having enough support or back up. On the other hand, an excessive, too thick piece or carbide is a waste of money for you won't get your value out of it, and it may cause resistance in use. After many grinds, the hook angle may depart from the original design. Deterioration of the shank and body can not be repaired. Many people advertise retipping, but fail to inform the user of the tool's material, body, and shank life expectancy.

"You get what you pay for" is very true when it comes to router bits. Your readers should ask themselves not only what they are buying, but whom they are buying from. Most manufacturers, such as Byrom, offer the user quality and workmanship guarantees. Byrom and its dealers offer back-up technical advice on the proper use of these tools.

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# Readers' Information Exchange

Looking for an owner's manual for an old band saw? Need a bearing for a hand-me-down table saw? Can't find a source of supply for an odd piece of hardware? Maybe our readers can help. Send along your request and we'll try to list it here—and hopefully one of our readers will have an answer for you. Due to space limitations, we will be unable to list all requests, but we will include as many as we can.

I'd be grateful for any help in locating plans for a "Rocking Dory".

Frederick Brundick 705 Long Bar Harbor Rd. Abindon, MD 21009

I would like to purchase a Craftsman 12 in. band saw model no. 103.0103 for parts.

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Albert Wellbrock
6601 La Roche Ave., Savannah, GA 31406

I'm really in a bind. I need help in locating a new source for snap cap covers. I ran out of snap caps half way through a job and D.R.I. no longer sells them. They are plastic covers that snap over a plastic finish washer on a screw. Raymond Altergott 5110 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago, IL 60630

I would like to possibly purchase any or all attachments for the old Shopsmith ER-10. Would also be willing to consider the base machine.

J.H. Gehman

7001 White Eagle Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46815-7950 I have a lathe made by Delta that is similar to the current model 43-140, but does not have the gap bed. It has 11 in. swing and 36 in. between centers. I need a manual and parts list for it. I also have an Atlas stationary jigsaw, model no. 9340 and need the manual and parts list. I'll be glad to pay for copying and mailing costs.

Thomas O'Brien 4115 Highknoll Lane, Seabrook, TX 77586

I was given a Duro jigsaw, model no. B-629-XO. I need instructions and parts list, or if someone knows the length and type of blade it uses and where they can be bought, I'd appreciate the help.

Sherman Hebrank 2216 Terrace Hill, Highland, IL 62249

Box 584, Lottsburg, VA 22511

I need a source for 6 - 8½ in. plain blades for a Sears 18 in. jigsaw, model no. 103.23151.

Ricky Kortyna
2349 Beaufort Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 14226

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### New England:

The annual Holiday Craft Sale at the Brookfield Craft Center in Brookfield, CT will take place Nov. 28 - Dec. 24.

Classes at the Brookfield Craft Center include Making A Spindle Table, Nov. 8 - 9, Hollow Turning and Miniatures, Nov. 15 - 16; For information, write to the Center at P.O. Box 122, Brookfield, CT 06840.

### Middle Atlantic:

Seminar on Ornamentation of Chippendale and Federal Periods (inlay & carving) Nov. 1; demonstrations of Inca power tools Nov. 8, Dec. 6 (in Phila.) and Dec. 13 (in York), sponsored by the Olde Mill Cabinet Shoppe, RD 3 Box 547A, York, PA 17402.

### East North Central:

Booth space is available at the annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. The fair will be held Dec. 3 - 4. Deadline for entry is Nov. 6. Late applications will require late fee. Call (618) 692-2178 for information.

### West North Central:

The Woodworkers' Store, Minneapolis, MN will be conducting workshops in Touch-Up and Refinishing, Router Techniques, Caning, and Hand Tool Joinery in November. Call (612) 822-3338 for details.

### South Atlantic:

Woodworking World — The Carolina Show, Nov. 21 - 23, Charlotte Civic Center, Charlotte, NC.

Course in functional and sculptural woodworking, instructor Jon Wood, through Nov. 28. Write to the Penland School, Penland, NC 28765-0037. Phone: (704) 765-2359.

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Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts will be accepting applications until Jan. 17, 1987 for assistantship positions for the period from Mar. 9 - Apr. 3, 1987. For application and information write to the school at P.O. Box 567, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

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rowmont School of Arts and Crafts. For application and information, write to the school at P.O. Box 567, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

"Space: New Form, New Function", a national juried exhibition, will be on display at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN Oct. 25 - Jan. 24.

### West South Central:

Entry deadline for "Made in the Shade", the 19th Annual Louisiana Crafts Council juried exhibition, is Nov. 1. The exhibit is open to residents of AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV. Send LSASE to K.B. Davis, 1717 Stanford Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

The 25th Anniversary Exhibition of the Louisiana Crafts Council will be held Nov. 2 - Dec. 18 at the Tammany Art Assoc., 129 N. New Hampshire, Covington, LA 70433.

### Pacific:

The Working With Wood Show, Dec. 5 - 7, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA. For information, call: (408) 973-0447.

Rosewood Tool Supply will be sponsoring workshops in woodturning, framemaking, joinery, finishing, carving and sharpening. For information, write to them at 1836 Fourth St., Berkeley, CA 94710, or call (415) 540-6247.

Woodtec '86 — The Woodworking Industries Technical Conference, Nov. 20 - 22, Pasadena, CA. Contact Diane Stone, 1516 So. Pontius Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025; (213) 477-8521.

Woodworking Workshops for Women. Contact Debey Zito, 103 Wool St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

Northern California Woodworking Show, Nov. 21 - 23, San Jose Convention Center Exhibit Hall, San Jose, CA.

Wooden Toy Show, Nov. 28 - 30; Holiday Woodcarving Show, Dec. 5 - 7, sponsored by the World Forestry Center, 4033 S.W. Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221; (503) 228-1367.

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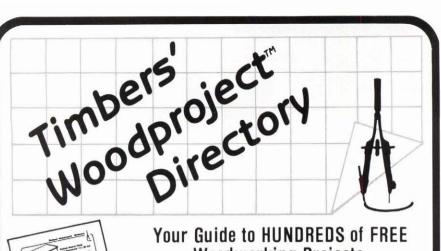
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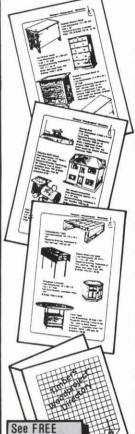
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# **Workshop Income**

# Wholesale and Discount Sources of Supply

Each day the mail brings a fresh stock of letters from readers to our desks, many with requests for sources of information, plans and materials. Over the years a fair number of these letters have been from readers seeking wholesale, bulk or quantity sources of supply for everything from toy parts to casein glue.

When one is strictly a hobby woodworker, the cost of materials may not be especially important, but for the production woodworker every item must be costed out and accounted for. For example: a toymaker who normally pays  $10^{\circ}$  a wheel, can save \$16 on the manufacturing cost of a 100 toy car production run if he purchases the wheels in quantity at  $6^{\circ}$  a piece.

The same toymaker, who typically uses a quart of glue that costs \$10 and a quart of a finishing product that sells for \$12 to assemble and finish the 100 toy cars, can save an additional \$9 per production run by purchasing these items in a quantity that reduces the per quart cost for the glue to \$6 and the finish to \$7. The savings for the wheels, glue and finish now total \$25 per production run, and bulk purchasing of dowel stock for axles, sandpaper, and other materials can result in substantial additional savings.

There is no questioning the financial advantage of purchasing materials and supplies wholesale, in quantity or bulk. The problem is usually in locating sources.

The following is a brief partial listing of suppliers. Some of the sources listed are in fact wholesalers, or can put you in touch with a wholesaler. Others may offer discounts for quantity, bulk, or have minimum orders.

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- American Plywood Association, P.O. Box 11700, Tacoma, WA 98411; (206) 565-6600.
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As we noted earlier, this is only a partial list. Many other general woodworking supply mail-order outlets, such as Constantine's, 2050 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY 10461, (800) 223-8087; The Woodworkers' Store, 21801 Industrial Blvd., Rogers, MN 55374, (612) 428-4101; and Bob Morgan Woodworking Supplies, 1123 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40204, (502) 456-2545, offer special prices and professional or percentage discounts based on the size of your order.

The term wholesale usually requires purchases or orders of substantial size. Many true wholesalers will not deal with small "backyard" or "basement" workshop production operations whose average order may be for tens or hundreds, but not thousands of a given item. You may also have to open an account and have a resale tax number to qualify for wholesale discounts.

Many of the suppliers included in the above listing are actually retailers, but offer trade, quantity, bulk or minimum order discounts. Of course, one need not be a professional or production woodworker to take advantage of such savings. The hobby woodworker is just as eligible for these discounts so long as he meets the necessary minimum order size or quantity limits.

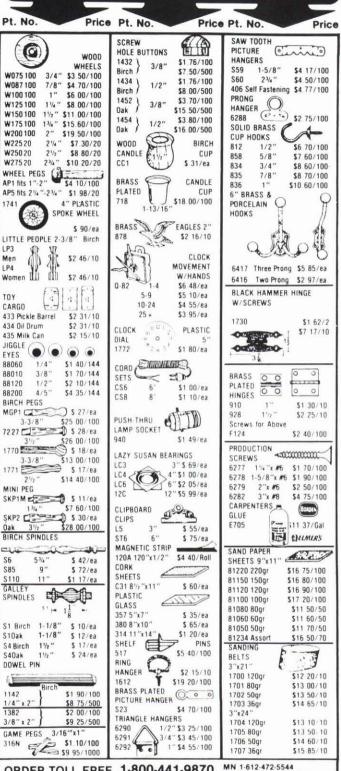
Obtaining discounts or price reductions that will enable you to cut production costs often requires creativity or initiative on your part. If you use a lot of sandpaper, try buying your paper by the box rather than in single sheets or small packs. Screws, fasteners, drawer slides, door hinges, veneer, caning and practically anything can be purchased in quantity. Most lumber suppliers offer discounts for large boardfoot purchases, and you can often negotiate a special price with local or mail-order suppliers on an individual order basis. Nearly all clock part catalogs also offer discounts for quantity purchases.

If you are having an especially difficult time locating a particular wholesale or discount source, as a last resort you may try the Thomas Register, a national listing of manufacturers that should be available at your local library. While the product manufacturer may not be able to sell to you directly, he will in all likelihood be able to provide you with a list of wholesalers or distributors handling that particular product.

In woodworking, as with almost everything else, it pays to shop around and compare prices. Don't limit yourself to local suppliers when a mail-order source can offer a healthy discount by eliminating one or more of the middle men. Remember, some research, a few telephone calls, and a little of your time may turn out to be an investment that pays significant dividends.

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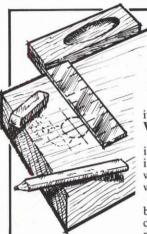




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# **Restoring Antiques**

# Sandpaper Abrasives

ost finishing operations begin with a thorough sanding, yet surprisingly few woodworkers know much about the various kinds of sandpaper abrasives that are on the market today. However, an understanding of what is generally available can make it easier to choose the abrasive that best serves your needs.

The term sandpaper, as it's used today, refers to any type of finely ground abrasive that is glued to a paper or cloth backing. The manufacturers label any such product a "coated abrasive", but just about everyone else still calls it sandpaper, and that's not likely to change in the near future.

Sandpaper is made by grinding an abrasive material into fine particles, then sifting them through a series of graded screens so that all the particles of like size are collected. These same-sized particles, called grits, are then glued to the paper or cloth back. Woodworkers have four sandpaper abrasives to choose from: flint, garnet, aluminum oxide, and silicon carbide.

Except for flint, a numbering system is used to grade the grits according to size — the smaller the number, the larger (coarser) the grit. The smallest number is 12 followed by 16, 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 120, 150, 180, 220, 240, 280, 320, 400, 500, and 600. Keep in mind, though, that not all abrasives are available in every grade. Most furniture sanding is done in the 50 to 220 grit range, although a few finishes are sanded using the 240 to 600 grits.

Flint sandpaper is simply graded as coarse, medium, fine, and very fine. Generally speaking, this system corresponds to the numbered system as follows: coarse — 50, 60; medium — 80, 100; fine — 120, 150, 180; very fine — 220, 240, 280. Manufacturers of other abrasives will often label their packages using the same or similar designations, apparently thinking it is easier for us to understand. Should you want to know what grit number it is, just look on the back side of the sheet as most manufacturers stamp the number there.

Here's a brief summary of the common woodworking abrasives:

Flint — A naturally occurring member of the quartz family. It's less expensive than other abrasives, but it tends to wear quickly. You usually end up paying more in the long run. However, it can be cost effective if you are using it to remove paint, varnish, or any other finish that quickly clogs any sandpaper. If you have to toss a clogged sandpaper long before it's dull, you may as well throw out flint.

Garnet — This reddish-yellow, naturally occurring mineral is harder than flint with a sharper cutting edge. It's more expensive than flint, but it lasts considerably longer. It is commonly used to sand between finishing coats.

Aluminum Oxide - A man-made, gray-brown abrasive that will last longer and cost more than garnet. It is extremely tough and resistant to wear. It is probably the most widely used of all the woodworking sandpapers.

Silicon Carbide — This man-made abrasive is harder than aluminum oxide. Bluish-black in color, it is widely used with a waterproof backing for wet sanding with water or finishing liquids.

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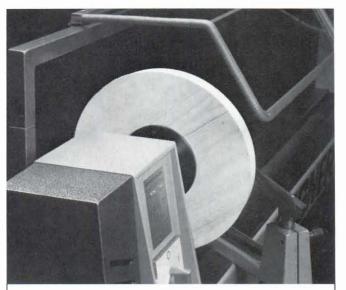
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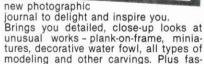
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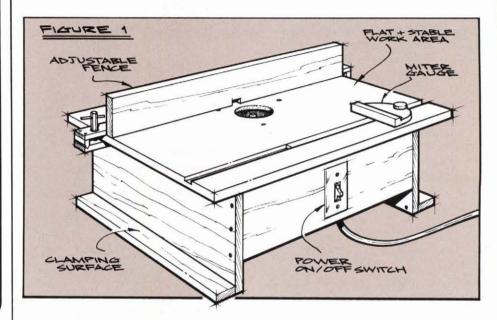
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# The Beginning Woodworker

# Using The Router Table



This feature concludes our series on the router. As most woodworkers who own a router know, although the router by itself is useful for many purposes, by mounting the router beneath a flat surface or "table", a great variety of additional uses and applications become possible. Also many common handheld router operations are easier to accomplish on the router table.

The router table is especially handy for operations on small workpieces. While with large boards or surfaces one simply clamps the stock securely and then uses the router in a handheld operation, this is not practical with small pieces. It is much easier to handle the piece and use the router table as a base for the operation instead.

The primary advantages of the router table are convenience, control, and accuracy. With small workpieces and narrow edges, the router table provides a solid bearing surface, and therefore greater control. The stability that the router table affords is particularly important when routing irregular shapes, perimeters and edges. The table effectively eliminates the problems of tipping, gouging and digging in that are common with handheld operations. This results in improved

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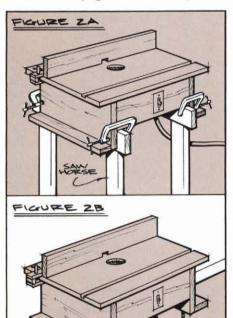
As we shall see, the router table is important for a broad variety of operations including rabbeting, dadoing, edge-forming, mortising, smoothing edges, tenoning, slotting, and cutting spline grooves and finger joints. Although a fair number of these operations could also be accomplished with the table saw, the router table is in many cases a safer, more practical method. The router table is also useful for panel raising, routing the edges of circular shapes, jointing, cutting dovetails and other more specific or special applications. For certain tasks, such as cutting stopped dadoes and grooves or making multiple identical cuts, the router table is easier and faster to set up than using the router in its portable mode.

### The Router Table

A good router table is essential. While many inexpensive commercial router tables are available, these tables are generally inferior to a quality usermade table, such as the one we feature on page 45. The commercial tables are small and lightweight (usually constructed of plastic, stamped sheet

metal, or inexpensive alloys) and although they might be acceptable for the hobbyist just starting out, the typical woodworker quickly outgrows their capability and requires a larger, better made work surface.

A full-featured router table should provide an absolutely flat and stable work area, and should be equipped with an easily adjustable fence, a miter gauge, and an electrical on/off switch (Fig. 1). Our table has all these features, and can be mounted either on a pair of sawhorses or clamped to the workbench (Fig. 2A and 2B). The



sawhorse mounting is recommended since it places the work surface at an ideal height. However, the workbench mounting or an accommodation where the table is clamped to angle irons or braces on the end of the workbench, making it level with the bench surface, is also acceptable. Whichever mounting you select, make certain that the router table is fastened securely to provide a level, stable work surface.

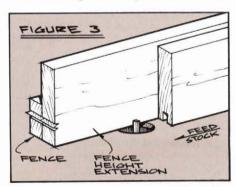
The plastic laminated router table surface we show has several advantages. First, the laminate effectively seals the plywood substrate or core against moisture, eliminating any chance for the surface to warp. Second, the smooth texture of the laminate eases the movement of stock, and also provides an ideal erasable surface for making location or registration marks with a pencil.

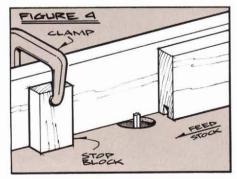
### Capability

The same principles of bit rotation and direction and rate of feed hold true for the router table as they did for handheld router use. (See The Beginning Woodworker, September/October 1986). Remember that the direction of feed is generally into or against the bit rotation, and that the rate of feed of the stock through or across the cutter should be constant.

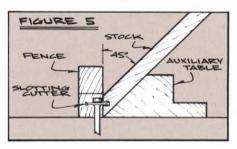
### Using the Fence

The fence is used for any kind of edge forming or detailing on straight edged stock. It is important that the fence be straight and sturdy, and in the case of a one-piece fence, that it have a clearance for the bit or cutter. The fence also serves as a guide for cutting spline grooves, mortises, tongues, and for edge detailing on both sides of material, particularly in situations where the first cut would remove the area on which a bearing guide must ride for the opposite side cut. As shown in Fig. 3, a height extension for



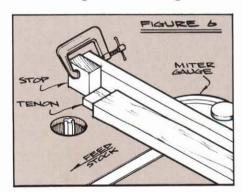


the fence is helpful for certain operations. Since our router table features an extra high fence, an extension is unnecessary except in the most extreme cases. The Fig. 4 illustration shows a stopblock in place, used for cutting identical stopped grooves. Fig. 5 shows an auxiliary table angled at 45 degrees, which is used in combination with the fence for cutting spline grooves in the sides of a box. Note that in all these illustrations, the direction of feed is from *right to left*. This right-to-left feed direction holds true for most router table fence operations.



With setups involving both the fence and miter gauge, the fence must be parallel to the miter gauge slot; with operations involving the fence alone, one must only determine the correct distance between the bit and the fence. Our general recommendation is to avoid using the fence in conjunction with the miter gauge.

Using the Miter Gauge



The miter gauge is primarily used for rabbeting, dadoing, dovetailing, and cutting finger joints and tenons. The miter gauge provides the support and control needed to insure an accurate cut. Stopblocks can be used in conjunction with the miter gauge when a cut is repeated, such as is illustrated in

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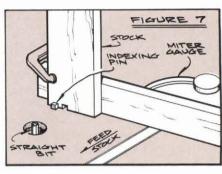
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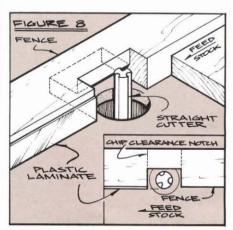
Fig. 6, which shows the miter gauge being used to establish the shoulders on a common tenon. Fig. 7 illustrates the miter gauge being used to cut finger joints.

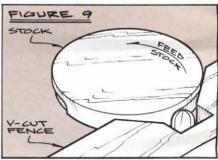


### Special Setups

The variety of operations that are possible on the router table covers a broad range. Many require special setups that you may devise yourself for a one-time use, while others are fairly common. Several of the more useful setups are shown in Figs. 8, 9, and 10.

Fig. 8 shows a jointing fence, which is a straightedged board with a section of plastic laminate bonded to the outfeed half. Use a straightedge to set the jointing fence so the laminate is flush with the cutter. A large diameter

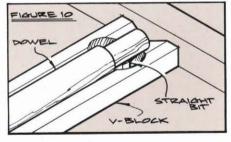




straight or spiral cutter is recommended for the bit.

The Fig. 9 illustration shows a board fence with a simple V-cut. This setup permits the use of pilotless bits for edge forming round or circular shapes.

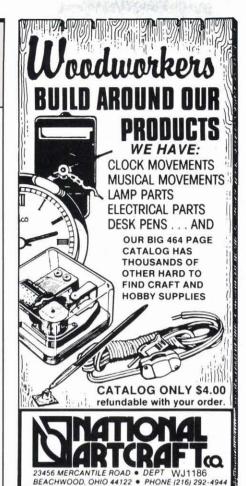
Fig. 10 shows a V-block for round tenoning and shaping. This device can be used in combination with any number of different bits to create useful and decorative applications for standard dowel stock. The V-block is glued and screwed to a hardboard base which is clamped to the router table. A stopblock can be used to locate repetitive cuts. The V-block setup is not a substitute for a lathe, but can come in handy for small work such as making chess pieces and toys. The Fig. 10 illustrations show the device being used with a straight bit to cut round tenons. Utilizing the same V-block setup, bearing-guided bits can be used to decorate or shape the ends of dowel stock.



In this brief article we have really only scratched the surface of the many possible uses for the router table. Cutting raised panels, dovetails, and blind mortises, and using the various bearing-guided bits are other practical applications.

Special bits and accessories (either shopmade or purchased) will also increase capability. The use of a 1/2 in. collet router will enable you to use the router table for making frame and panel doors, and other jigs can be used in conjunction with commercial router tables for shaping contoured edges.

Although the router table is generally a very safe work surface, we recommend that you always follow established safety procedures, wear protective eveglasses, and keep fingers well away from the bit or cutter. Remember, the router table must be clamped firmly or securely anchored before attempting any operations. WW





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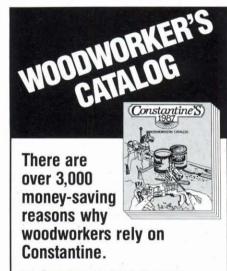
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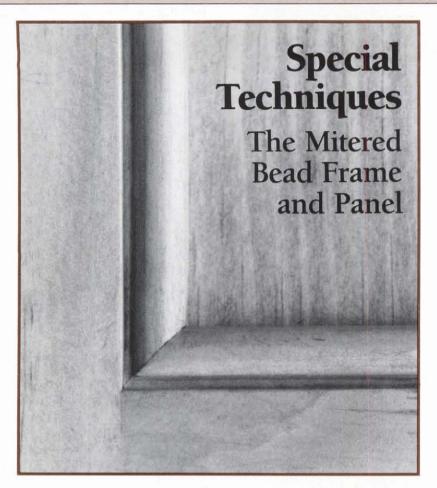
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While at first glance it appears as though the bead is applied directly to the panel, in fact it is a molded and mitered edge on the stiles and rails. The panel itself is simply cut to size from solid stock or plywood. A solid stock rabbeted raised panel could also be used, if you prefer.

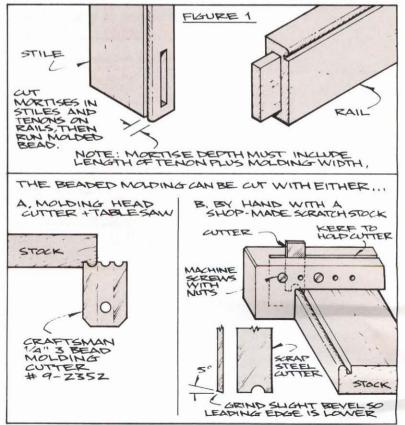
There are several ways to cut the mitered bead. One can use the molding head and table saw, or the same result can be achieved using the old hand methods of work with a scratch stock and chisel. The following instructions and illustrations include an explanation of both methods. *Note:* Careful selection of stock is important, especially with pine which is likely to have knots. There should be no knots

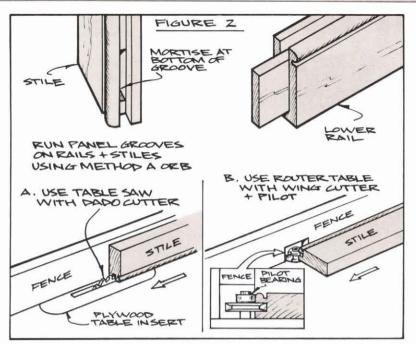
in the stiles and rails, particularly along the edges that will be molded. Stock must be at least ¾ in. thick for this technique.

Step 1. Most frame and panel construction features tenoned rails and mortised stiles. After ripping material to width, crosscutting to length, and cutting the mortises in the stiles and the tenons on the rail ends, the molded bead is applied. This can be accomplished with the table saw and molding head by using one bead of the beading cutter as shown in Fig. 1A, or you can make a scratch stock and apply the bead by hand (Fig. 1B). A section of an old saw blade can be cut and filed to shape the scratch stock cutter. For more information on making and using the scratch stock, refer to the Special Techniques article in our September/October 1984 issue.

Whether you use the scratch stock or the molding head method of applying the bead, it is important that the bead be no more than ½ in. high, and flush with the face of the stiles and rails. This is important, since on ¾ in. thick stock with a ½ in. high bead and a ¼ in. wide centered panel groove, only ½ in. of material will remain between the groove and the bead.

Step 2. With the beaded edge form-

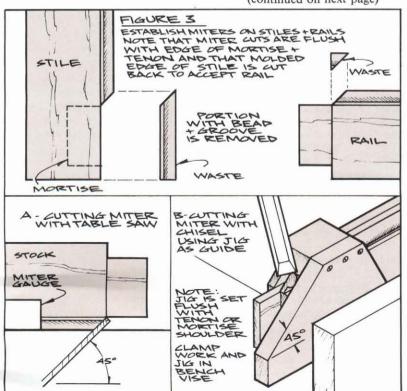




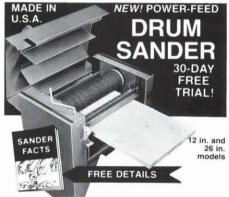
ed, you must now run the grooves that will accept the panel. Use either the table saw and dado head (Fig. 2A) or the router equipped with a wing cutter (2B). The bead is best applied before the panel grooves are cut, since machining the bead after these grooves have been cut may cause the narrow beaded edge to break off under the stress of being cut.

Step 3. Now, the 45-degree miters must be established on the inside edges

of the stiles and rails. Start by using the bevel square to lay out and mark for these miter cuts. The miters can be cut either by hand or with the table saw. If you use the hand method, first cut off the waste with a back or dovetail saw, staying on the waste side of the line. Then use the jig shown in Fig. 3B to trim the bead miter flush to the scribed line. By making the simple one-sided jig, as illustrated, different stock thicknesses can be accommodated, and (continued on next page)







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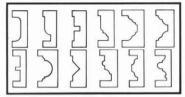
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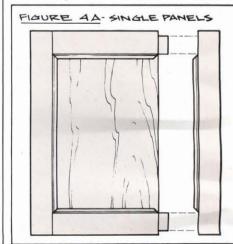
To miter the bead on the rails using the hand method, clamp the stock and jig securely in the bench vise, cut the bead back and then pare it flush to the 45-degree jig face using the chisel. Note that the jig is aligned with the shoulder of the tenon.

To miter the beaded stiles, again clamp the stock securely in the 45-degree miter jig. After using the backsaw to rough cut the miters, staying well on the waste side of the line, trim the bead flush to the jig face with the chisel. As illustrated, the end of the miter cut is located exactly flush with the edge of the mortises.

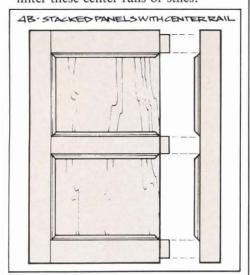
The table saw can also be used to establish the miter on the rails and stiles. Use the miter gauge, and set the blade to 45 degrees as shown in Fig. 3A.

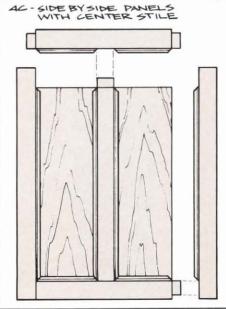
Whether you use the hand or machine method of establishing the miter cuts on the beaded frame edge, accurate layout of the miters is vital. A miscalculation or error in locating and cutting the miters could show up as an unsightly gap when the frame is assembled. When in doubt, it is better to remove less than more. The miters can always be pared back slightly for a better fit, but once the stock has been removed, it can never be replaced.

With basic single panel frame-andpanel construction (Fig. 4A), the ends of the stiles are cut back to accept the rails. In the case of stacked double panels, the stiles must also be mitered, cut back, and mortised to accept a center rail (4B), while with side-by-side double panels it is the rails that must be mitered, cut back, and mortised to accept a center stile (4C). Of course with divided panels the center rail or stile



must be beaded and mitered on both edges. Follow the same step-by-step procedure outlined above to bead and miter these center rails or stiles.





The mitered bead frame and panel is a unique treatment. In addition to the lovely pine hamper on page 26 of this issue, the same technique was used successfully to highlight a charming Shaker style pine cupboard featured in the January/February 1981 issue. The same basic technique can also be used to make glass panel doors. Simply substitute a rabbet for the panel groove, glass for the panel, and add a retainer molding to secure the glass.

Whatever your choice of project or style, the mitered bead is an accent element that is easy to make, either by hand or machine. This is one special technique that even the novice woodworker should have little trouble mastering.



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# Early American Hamper

This Early American style hamper makes use of the elegant beaded frame and panel special technique described on page 22 of this issue. The beaded detail nicely complements the clean lines of this piece. Although we constructed the hamper from pine, with pine plywood panels, a hardwood such as cherry or maple would be a handsome alternative. Solid stock may be substituted for the plywood panels, if you prefer.

Start by getting out ¾ in. stock for the hamper carcase. Now refer to the Special Techniques article for instructions on how to cut the mitered bead on the front stiles (A), front rails (B) and the center stile (C). Take care when mitering the beads on these parts so as to not break the narrow bead off. The 4½ in. radius shaped end of the front stiles (see front view) is cut away on the band saw before the front frame and panels are assembled. Although the width dimension of our pine plywood panels (D) reflects the actual grooveto-groove dimension, if you plan to use solid stock panels, allow 1/16 in. on either side of the panels to accommodate seasonal dimensional changes.

Lay up and clamp stock for the sides (E) and top (G) next. While waiting for these parts to dry, make the back assembly, consisting of parts H, I, J, and K. Refer to the front view grid pattern for the profile of the upper back rail (H). You will note that the tenons on parts I and J are 3/8 in. thick as opposed to the 1/4 in. thick tenons on the front frame. The slightly larger tenons provide the back assembly with a little extra strength and rigidity since there is no center stile for added support. As shown in the back view, the back stiles taper from 11/2 in. to 11/4 in. at the bottom. The ¼ in, thick perforated hardboard for the back and bottom panels (K and L) is sold at most building supply stores.

Cut out the shaped profile of the feet at the bottom end of the sides, and the stepped profile at the top end of the sides (see side view). The 1 in. wide by 5 in. long handle cutout in the sides can be made by first using a 1 in. diameter Forstner bit to establish the handle ends, then saber sawing the waste, smoothing, and finally rounding over with the router equipped with a ¼ in. radius ball bearing guided round-over





bit. Mortise the sides to accept the tenon on the ends of the cleat (F), and use the router equipped with a bearingguided rabbeting bit to cut the \% in. by 3/4 in, rabbet on the front and back edges of the sides as shown. The router equipped with a 3/8 in. straight bit and the edge guide is then used to rout the corresponding 3/8 in. by 3/8 in. groove in the front and back frame and panel assemblies. Note that the grooves for the sides in the front frame stop \( \frac{3}{4} \) in. from the top end of the front stiles. Measured from the floor, the tongue on the sides and the corresponding groove in the front and back frames will measure 291/4 in. long.

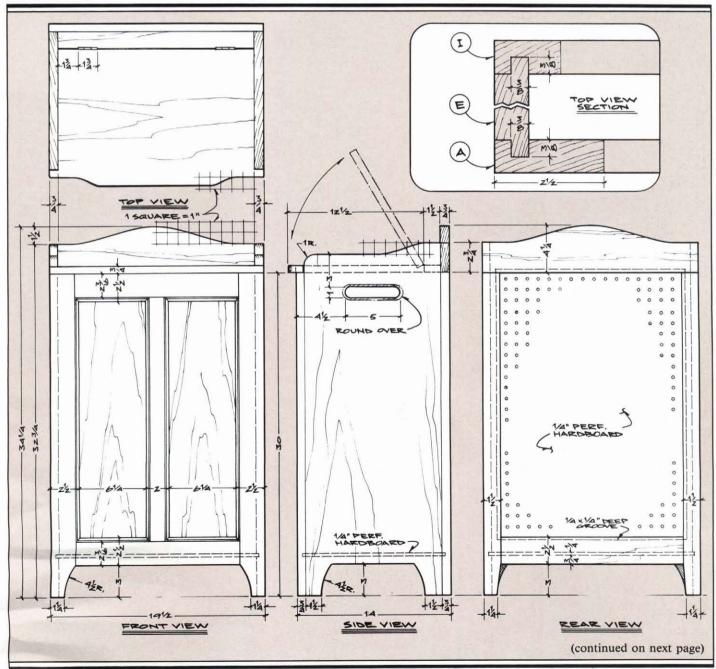
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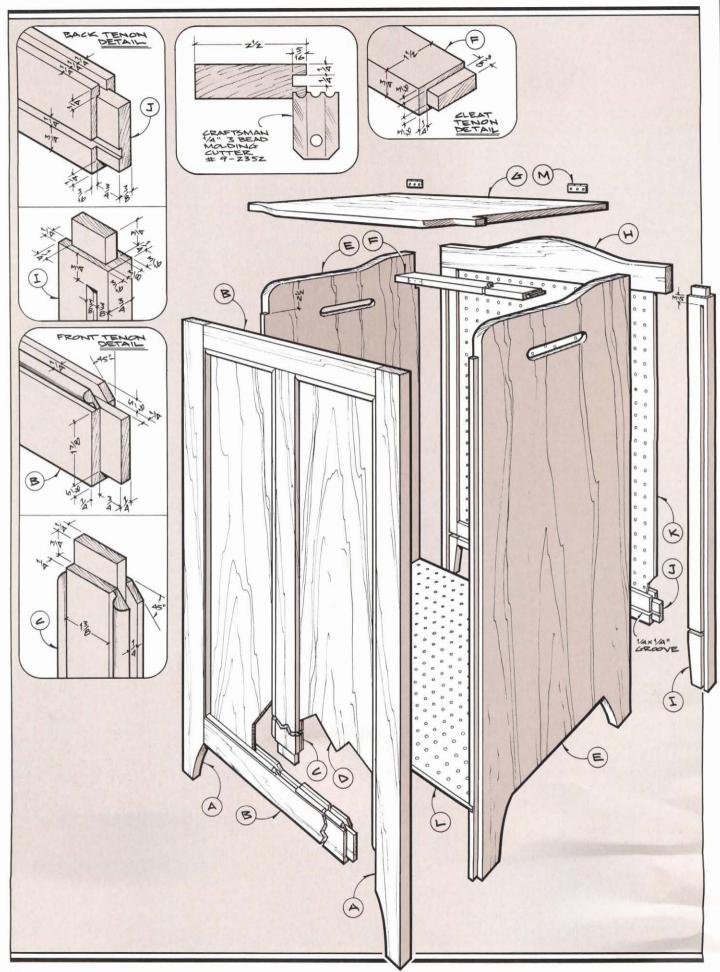
back frames and the sides to accept the bottom panel (L). Clamp a straightedge to the work as a guide for the router, always locating the straight edge the exact same distance from the bottom end of the sides and front and back assemblies. This will insure an even bottom panel groove.

Assemble all the hamper parts except the top (G). The top is now cut to fit precisely (see top view), and then mounted to the cleat (F) with two hinges (M). If the hamper is positioned so the lid would bump against the wall when open, it may be a good idea to add a lid support.

Final sand before applying your favorite stain. Two coats of polyurethane will provide a final finish with good moisture resistance.

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C	Center Stile	3/4	×	2 × 241/	8	1
D	Panel	1/4	×	6 × 2	25/8	2
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F	Cleat	3/4	×	11/2 × 18	33/4 *	1 1 1
G	Тор	3/4	×	121/2 ×	191/2	1
Н	Upper Back Rail	3/4	×	41/4 × 19	91/2	1
1	Back Stile	3/4	×	11/2 × 30		2
J	Lower Back Rail	3/4	×	21/2 × 18	3*	1
K	Back	1/4	×	17 × 25		1
L	Bottom	1/4	×	181/2 ×		1
M	Hinge	13				2





# **Cube Table**

This cube table represents just about the most elementary table design possible. Except for the groove cut into the eight frame members (A) to accept the top and bottom tongue, both parts A and the four legs (B) are identical. The key splines in each corner locate the frames and legs, and

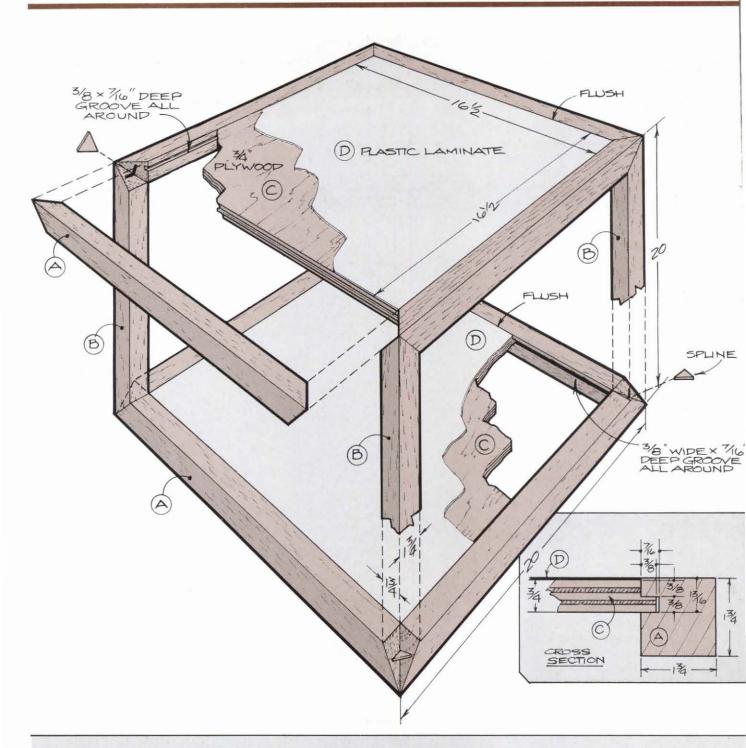
simplify the assembly process.

As its name implies, the table is in fact a cube. Although the table I show here is 20 in. square, by altering the length of the frame and leg pieces, and correspondingly the size of the laminated plywood top and bottom, the table could be made either larger or smaller. I might remind you that for this project, as with most other contemporary work, all cuts and joinery must be precise. A poorly fitted joint will not only look unsightly, it will not provide maximum strength. The addition of the key spline in all the corners reinforces the joint and serves as a valuable aid in the glue-up and assembly process.

Begin by making parts A and B. I used oak, but most any hardwood would be fine. Start with 1\frac{1}{4} in. square stock about 22 in. long. The extra length allows for waste when cutting the miters. All the parts A and B ends are cut in the same manner with adjacent 45-degree miters. With the table saw miter gauge in the right hand slot, cut the first 45-degree miter (see mitering detail, Step 1), then flip the piece to the adjacent face (Step 2) and cut the second 45-degree miter (Step 3). Reverse the workpiece (keeping face A up) and cut the first 45-degree miter on the opposite end (Step 4). Flip the piece so face A is away from you (Step 5), and cut the last miter (Step 6). Repeat this procedure on all ends of parts A and B.

Next, cut the identical 1/8 in. wide key spline grooves in the ends of parts A and B, as shown in the key spline detail. Note that the spline groove location is 11/4 in. from the tip. Make a simple V-groove block as illustrated in the key spline groove cutting detail. An auxiliary rip fence (needed for the Sear's table saw) is clamped to the table, and the workpiece (parts A or B) is then clamped to the V-block. A V-clamp block will protect the





workpiece edge. Set the saw blade at a 55-degree angle to the table, and adjust the height to 1½ in. (measure from table to point of high tooth), which will result in a ½ in. deep kerf being cut into parts A and B. Repeat on each end until all the key spline grooves have been cut.

The triangular splines, which are cut from 1/8 in. plywood, will measure about 1/8 in. on all three sides. Size the splines a little bit under, however, to insure that they do not prevent the

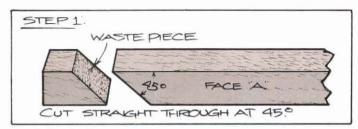
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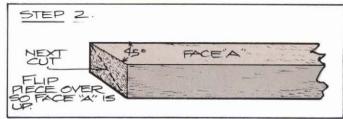
Par	t Description	No. Size Req'd.
Α	Frame	1¾ × 1¾ × 20 8
В	Leg	1\\(^4 \times 1\)\(^4 \times 20 4
С	Top & Bottom Core	3/4 × 171/4 × 171/4 2
D	Laminate	as needed

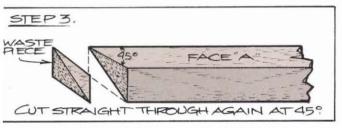
miters from meeting at the corner pieces during assembly. A dry assembly of the table will permit any adjustments that might be needed so that all parts fit up properly. Remember, accuracy is very important!

Now use the table saw dado head to cut the  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. by  $\frac{7}{16}$  in. deep grooves on the inside face of the eight frame parts. Note that on the four frame parts that will form the top of the table, this groove location is  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. plus the

### **Cutting the Miters**

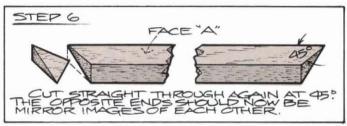




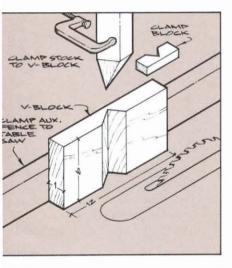


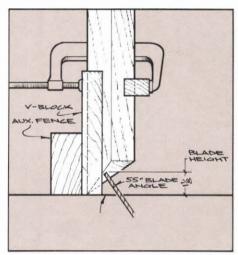


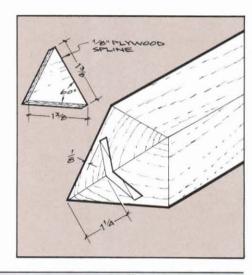




### **Key Spline and Cutting Details**







aminate thickness from what will be he top edge, while with the four frame pieces around the table bottom, the groove is located  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. plus the aminate thickness from the *opposite* edge. The  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. extra depth in the lado will prevent the  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. long tongue on the top and bottom from bottomng, which could in turn prevent the shoulder from flushing with the frame.

The ¾ in. thick top and bottom core stock (C) is cut next. Apply the aminate (D) to the core stock with

contact cement. Then use the router and a rabbeting bit to cut the rabbet, resulting in the \% in. by \% in. tongue all around.

Assemble the frame members around the laminated top and bottom, using glue on the miters and in the tongue and grooves. Then add the key splines and the legs, applying glue to the miters and the splines. Strap clamps, located top and bottom and around the legs, will provide a little clamping pressure. Only moderate

pressure is needed since the key splines serve to hold the frame and leg parts in their proper position. As noted earlier, a dry run assembly of the completed table will insure that all parts fit as intended.

When dry, final sand the table, then finish with Watco Danish Oil.

This project is taken from the book Contemporary Woodworking Projects by Paul Levine. Ordering information can be found on page 8. Wij



This friendly cottontail "hops" as it is pulled along the floor, much to the delight of young children. Ours is made from maple, but any wood—even pine—can be used.

The body (A) can be made first. Cut  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick stock to a width of  $5\frac{3}{8}$  in. and a length of 9 in., then refer to the grid pattern shown in the side view and transfer the profile to the stock. At the same time, mark the location of the holes for the eyes and the back wheel dowel.

Use a band or saber saw to cut out the profile, taking care to stay just outside the marked line. Once cut, use a file and sandpaper to smooth the edge exactly to the line. A router table and a  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. radius bearing-guided round-over bit is used to apply the  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. round to the edge, however a file and a bit of sanding will also do the job. Next, using a  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. diameter drill bit, bore the  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. deep "eye" holes, then use a  $\frac{7}{16}$  in. diameter bit to bore through for the back wheel dowel.

You'll need ½ in. thick stock to make the legs (B) and the ears (C). To get the ½ in. thickness, cut a piece of ¾ in. thick stock to 3 in. wide by 8 in. long. With the marking gauge, scribe the desired ½ in. thickness on all four edges, then use a sharp hand plane to plane the stock to the scribed line.

With the ½ in. thick stock in hand, refer to the grid pattern shown in the side view and transfer the profile of the

legs and ears to the stock. Cut out and smooth to the marked line, then use a file and sandpaper to round over the edges.

The two back wheels (D) can be turned on a lathe or cut out on the band saw and sanded smooth. If you have one, a disk sander will come in handy here.

In order to give the rabbit its "hop", the back dowel (E) is not centered on the wheel, but rather it is offset  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. (see side view). Mark this offset dowel hole location, then use the drill press and a  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. diameter drill bit to bore a  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep hole in each wheel.

The front wheel is made using a 1 in. diameter hole saw and  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. thick stock. After sanding, round the corners to about a  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. radius. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. diameter hole at the centerpoint will be cut by the hole saw centering bit.

Lay out and mark the location of the  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. diameter holes on the inside face of the two legs, then use the drill press to bore the holes to a depth of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.

After cutting the back dowel (E) and the front dowel (G) to length, all parts can be given a thorough sanding. Apply a coat of paraffin wax to the \(^{1}\)6 in. diameter hole in the body, then glue and assemble the two back wheels to the back dowel (note that the wheels must be in line with each other). The paraffin wax in the hole cuts down on friction, thereby making the dowel turn easier. Be sure, however, to avoid

getting any wax on the ends of the back dowel when its inserted through the hole. If you do, the glue won't stick when the dowel is glued to the back wheel.

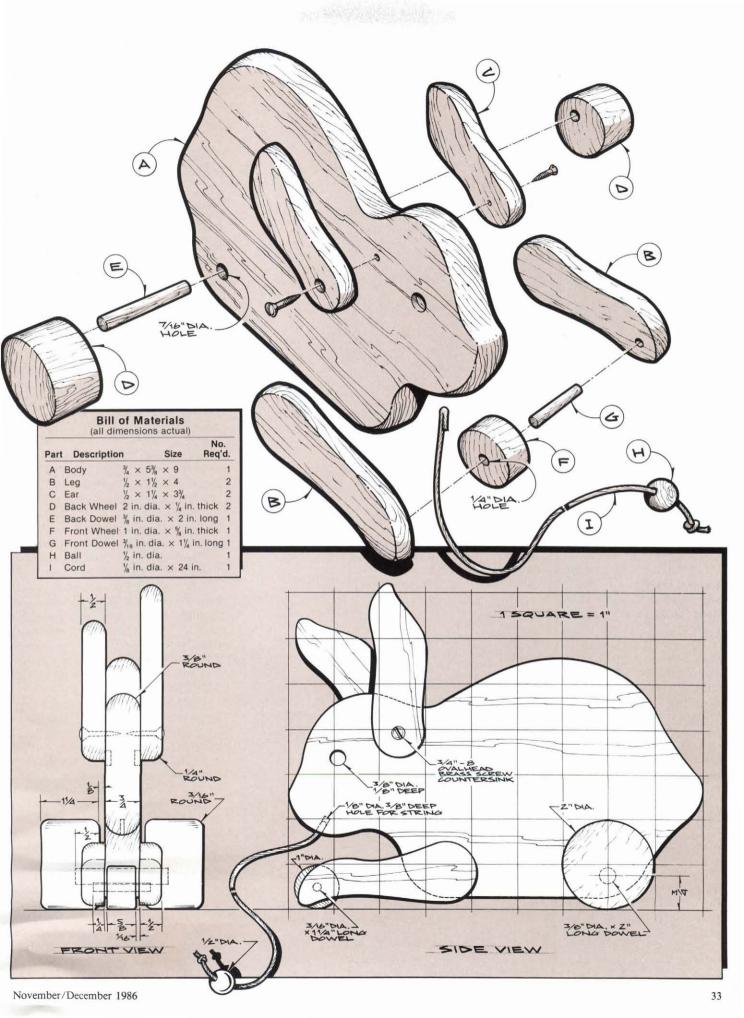
Apply wax to the hole in the front wheel and insert the front dowel. As with the back dowel, avoid getting wax on the ends.

Temporarily clamp the legs to the body. When satisfied with the location, use a pencil to scribe the outline of the legs on the body. Remove the clamps and add glue to the body and legs in the area profiled by the pencil line. Now, apply glue to the ends of the front dowel and assemble it to the legs, then clamp the legs to the body.

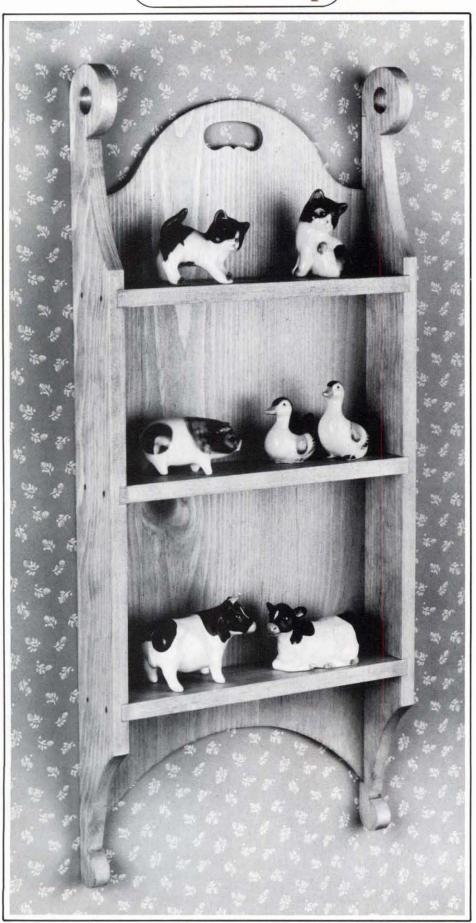
Drill and countersink each ear for a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. long by no. 8 ovalhead brass wood screw. Assemble as shown making sure each screw is tightened firmly.

If not available locally, the ½ in. diameter ball (H) can be ordered from Woodworks, 4013-A Clay Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76117. A ½ in. diameter hole bored through the knob will accept the cord (I). Make sure the cord is knotted firmly to prevent the ball from coming off. A small hole bored ¾ in. deep at the front of the rabbit will enable the cord to be glued in place.

Any finish that's used should be non-toxic. We generally do not apply a finish to toys likely to be chewed on by young children.



# The Gift Shop



# Old-Time Sled Wall Shelf

ade to look like an old-fashioned sled, this easy-to-make project will be a charming addition to any room in the house. The sides and shelves are made from pine solid stock while the back is knotty pine plywood.

To make the sides (A), start by cutting ½ in. thick stock to a width of 2¼ in. and a length of 24 in. Lay out and mark the location of the ½ in. wide by ¾<sub>16</sub> in. deep dado grooves, then use the table saw and dado head to cut them out. Next, the ¾<sub>16</sub> in. wide by ¼ in. deep by 18¾ in. long rabbet is cut with an edge-guided router and ¾ in. diameter bit. Note that the rabbet is stopped 3¾ in. from the top and 1½ in. from the bottom. Because the router bit leaves rounded corners, you'll need to square them with a sharp chisel.

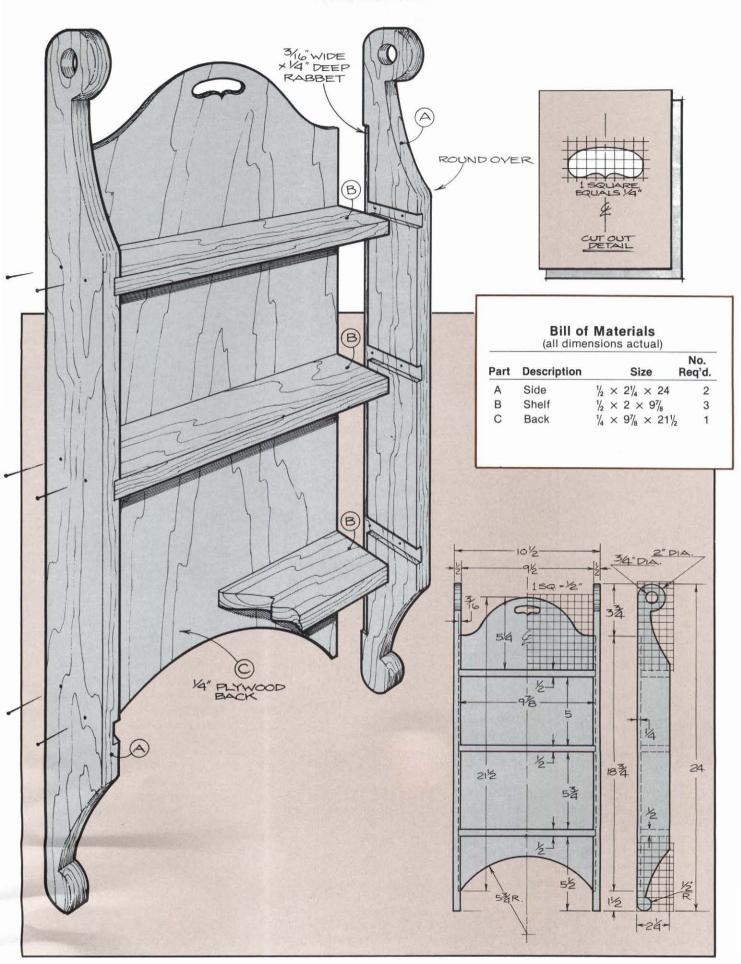
Referring to the side view, transfer the upper and lower profiles to the stock. Use the band saw to cut out, then sand smooth. To complete work on the sides, bore a ¾ in. diameter hole at the top of each one as shown.

After cutting the three shelves (B) to length and width, glue and clamp the sides and shelves, making sure the corners are square. When dry, remove the clamps and drive a pair of finishing nails in the end of each shelf. Countersink each nail about 1/8 in. before filling with wood filler.

Cut the back (C) to overall length and width before laying out the curved profiles of the top and bottom. Cut out on the band saw and sand smooth. The cutout (see detail) is best cut with a saber saw after first boring a \(^{3}\_{8}\) in. diameter starter hole.

Apply glue to the rabbet on the back edge of the sides and to the back edges of the shelves, then assemble and clamp the back to the sides and shelves. When dry, remove the clamps and add finishing nails through the back and into the rabbet and the back edge of the shelves.

Final sand all parts before applying a final finish. Stain to suit your personal taste, then add two coats of a good penetrating oil. When dry, buff thoroughly with a soft cloth.



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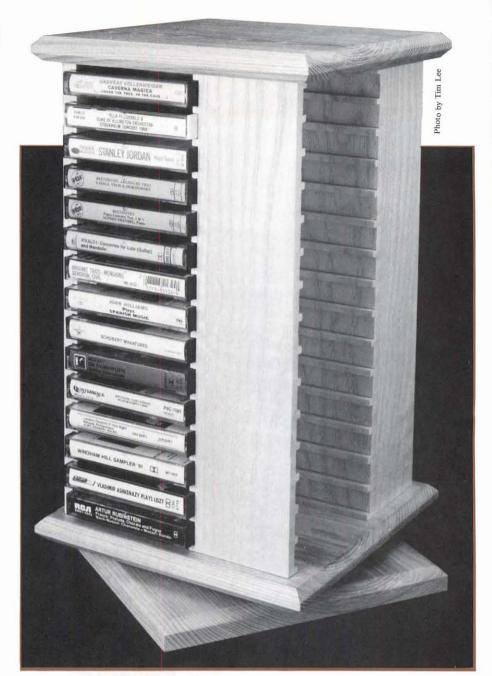
# Cassette Tape Holder

Part	Description	Size Req	
Α	Back	$\frac{1}{2} \times 4^{1} \frac{1}{16} \times 13 \frac{5}{16}$	4
В	End	$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{13}{16}$	4
C	Spline	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{5}{16}$	4
D	Spacer	$\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{5}{16}$	8
E	Top/Bottom	$\frac{3}{4} \times 9 \times 9$	2
F	Base	$\frac{3}{4} \times 9 \times 9$	1
G	Threaded Rod	$\frac{1}{4} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ in. long	1
Н	Threaded Insert	1/4 - 20 × 1/2 in. long	2
1	Lazy Susan Bearing*	3 in. square	1

As those of you who enjoy cassette tapes know well, storage of the tapes is vital. Without some means of organization, the tapes are forever getting lost or misplaced. This revolving cassette holder will keep up to sixty tapes at your fingertips. Our holder is made from ash, but most any hardwood or softwood could be used as well.

If you are a novice woodworker, this project is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the dado head and practice making dado cuts. Start by getting out stock for the backs (A) and ends (B). Note that while one side of each of parts A serves as a back, the opposite side is dadoed to hold the cassettes. You will need ½ in. thick stock for parts A and B. If you have a thickness planer, this is no problem. The ½ in. material can also be resawed from ¾ in. stock, if necessary.

The two most critical elements when making this project are the location of the dadoes and the length of parts A and B. In order to insure that all parts A and B have identical length, use a stopblock with the miter gauge when crosscutting to length. Now, mark what will be the top end of these pieces. Set the dado head to cut an 1/16 in. wide slot, and raise the dado head for a 3/16 in. depth of cut. Set up a stopblock with the miter gauge and make the first dado cut at the top end of all parts A and B. Reset the stopblock for the next dado, make the same cut in all the pieces, and continue with this pattern until the 15 dado slots have been cut in each part A and B. By cutting each

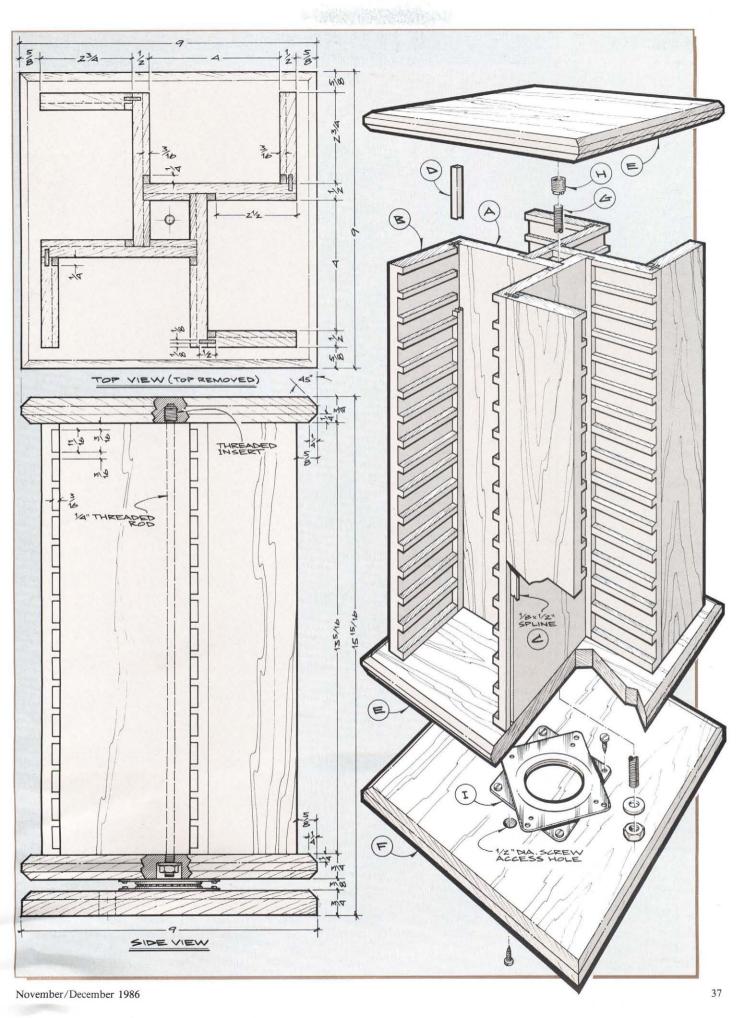


consecutive slot in all the pieces with the same stopblock settings, the slots will remain parallel in spite of slight variations in the actual setups. Another method of accomplishing this is by ripping the facing parts A and B from a wider board *after* cutting the dadoes.

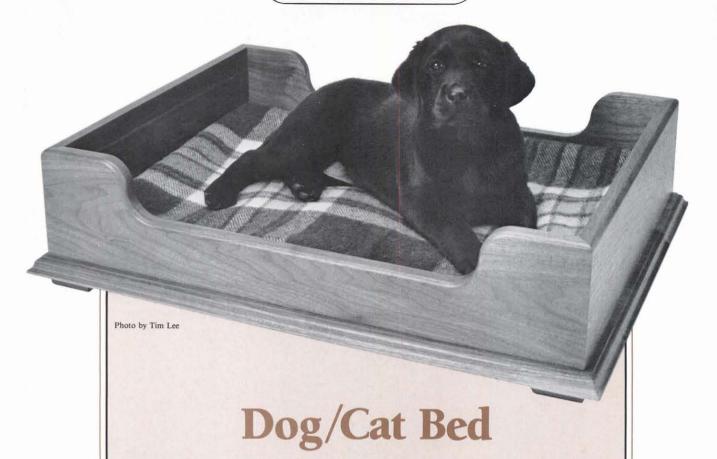
Next, cut the spline grooves to accept the  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. splines (C) and rabbet parts B as shown to accept the  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. by  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. spacer (D). The  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. wide by  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. deep grooves in parts A that will accept both the retainer and the interlocking perpendicular parts A are also cut using the dado head. Glue up and assemble parts A through D.

Now cut the top and bottom (E) to size. Apply the 45-degree chamfer with the router and a chamfering bit, drill the top to accept the threaded insert (H) and drill through and counterbore the bottom as shown for the threaded rod (G) and locking nut.

Make the base (F) and assemble the tape holder. Because end grain joints have little or no strength, the top and bottom are not glued to the ends of parts A and B. Instead, the threaded rod is used to secure the two parts. This system not only creates a strong assembly, it also allows the top and bottom to move freely with seasonal changes in humidity. Note the screw access hole drilled through the base so the mounting screws can be accessed. The lazy susan bearing (I) is first screwed to the base and then, through the access hole, into the bottom of the upper assembly. All sanding and finishing should be complete before final assembly.



# The Gift Shop



Given the fact that pets are such loyal and devoted friends, what better Christmas gift than a bed of their own? This bed, crafted in solid walnut, is sized to accommodate a cat or small-to-medium size dog. The bed's overall dimensions could be increased as necessary to fit a larger animal if your "best friend" tends toward Saint Bernard or Great Dane size. Of course, the bed could also be made from pine or some other hard or softwood.

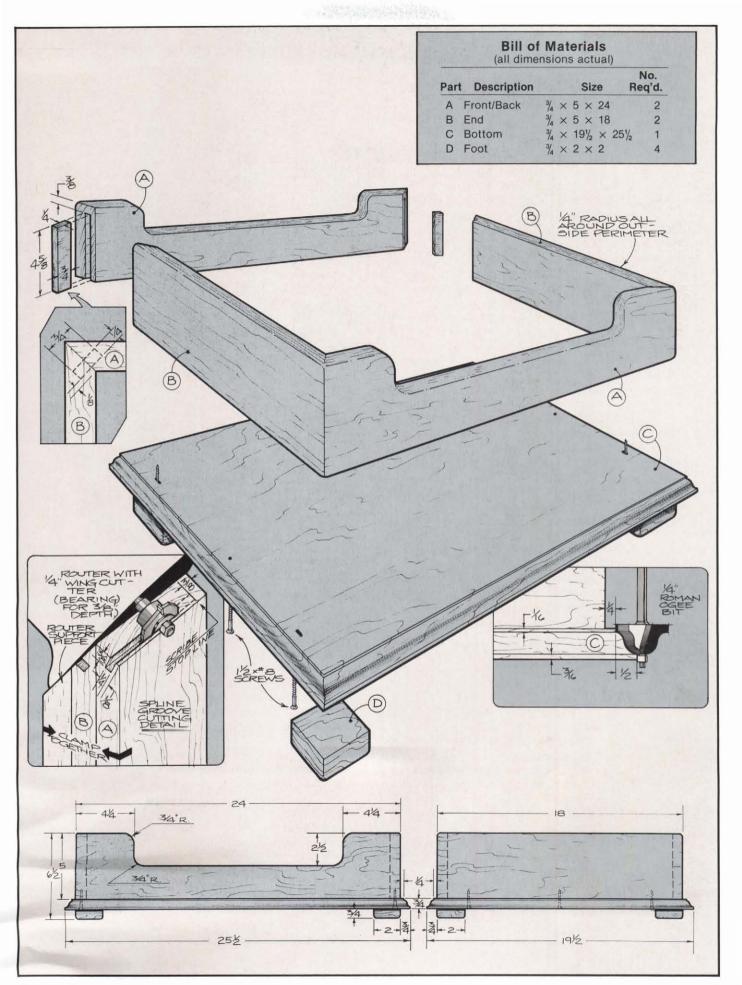
Start this project by laying up stock for the bottom (C). If your stock has been edge-joined accurately, only mild pressure is required with the pipe clamps. While you are waiting for the bottom to dry, rip stock for the front and back (A) and ends (B). After mitering the ends of these pieces, use the router equipped with a wing cutter as shown to cut the stopped spline grooves. Note how parts A and B are clamped back to back with an additional guide piece for extra router support. Also note that the bearing is assembled between the router and the

cutter. This permits the cutter shaft to be fully chucked in the router.

Use a chisel to square the stopped end of the spline grooves, and cut four hardwood splines with the grain running across the miter as shown. After band or jigsawing the front and back cutouts, glue and assemble the box. While the box is drying, use a bearing-guided ¼ in. Roman ogee router bit to shape the bottom perimeter. This is a good router table operation. When dry, the box perimeter is radiused as shown to establish the ¼ in. round-over.

After cutting out the four feet (D), drill and slot the base as shown to accept the six mounting screws. The slotted holes are required to allow expansion and contraction of the stock across the width of the base. Screw the bottom to the box, then glue the four feet in place.

When final sanding was complete, we finished our bed with Deft clear aerosol spray finish. This protective satin coating should wear well, and can be easily renewed when necessary. Well



# Vanity Mirror

aster woodturner Robert Leung of Oakland, California reports that this dual-purpose mirror has traditionally been one of his best selling designs. As a bureau-top piece, the mirror adjusts easily to a variety of angles or, hung on the wall, it converts to a neat little functional wall sculpture.

Although Mr. Leung crafted the body (A) of this mirror from Andaman padauk and the smaller parts (B, C, and D) from rosewood, most any hardwood or combinations of hardwoods can be used. Keep in mind, however, that an attractive grain will contribute significantly to the beauty of the project. It is important to select a good close-grained hardwood for the hinges, hinge pins and brace, since these parts must be strong.

After machining to  $\%_{16}$  in. thickness, cut the body stock to 6 in. wide by 12 in. long. Now, with the stock on edge, use the dado head to cut the  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. deep notches for the hinges. Use the band saw to shape the tapered profile and to establish the  $\%_{16}$  in. wide slot for the brace (see front view). Working from the back side, use the chisel to bevel the end of the brace slot (see side view).

Now, crosscut the body to establish the two sections. Mount the 6 in. square mirror section in the lathe using a faceplate mounting, and turn the ¼ in. deep mirror recess and the recess edge detail (see cross section). The faceplate mounting requires that the work be glued to an identically sized piece of scrap, with a section of brown paper (kraft paper works fine) in between. This assembly is then screwed to the faceplate. Draw an X across the scrap stock as a guide for centering it on the faceplate. After the turning is complete, carefully separate the scrap stock and work using a chisel and mallet. Then band saw the 6 in. diameter top profile. Mr. Leung uses the radial arm saw to cut the kerfs for the brace in the mirror section back (see back view for kerf location), but the router or a chisel can also be used to make these kerfs.

Refer to the appropriate details, and make the hinges, hinge pins, and brace/hanger parts. Mr. Leung turns the hinge pins, but brass screws will serve nicely as a simple alternative, if you prefer. The brace is mounted with an ½ in.





diameter by 2 in. long brass pin (E), as shown.

The 5 in. diameter beveled mirror (F) is mounted with mirror adhesive which is available at your local glass shop. Don't attempt to mount the mirror with just any glue or epoxy since, depending on their chemical formulation, some adhesives may disolve the silver on the back of the mirror. Note that all parts should be final sanded before the mirror glass is mounted since sandpaper will scratch the mirror surface.

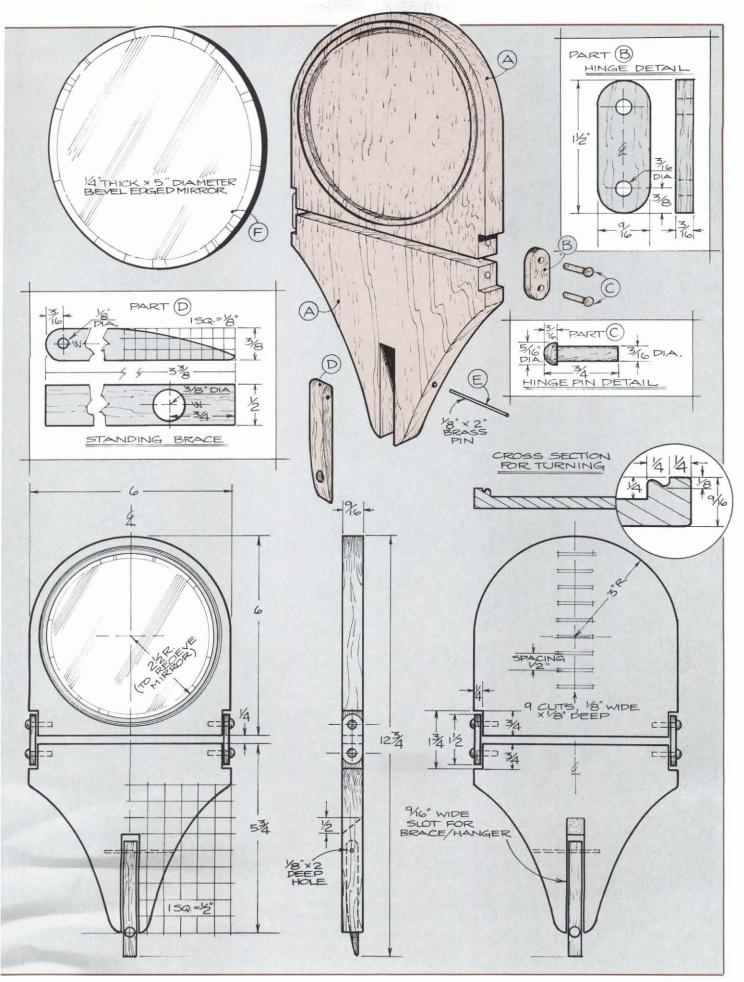
Several coats of a tung or penetrating oil will provide this piece with a soft, non-glare, satin finish.

Bill of Materials (all dimensions actual)

Part	Description	Size	No. Req'd.
Α	Body	% × 6 × 12*	1
В	Hinge	$\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{11}{2}$	2
C	Hinge Pin	see detail	4
D	Brace/Hanger	see detail	1
E	Brace Pin	1/8 in. dia. × 2 in. brass	1
F	Mirror	$\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick $ imes$ 5 in. dia. beveled ed	lge** 1

<sup>\*</sup>Length dimension is before crosscutting and sanding to create upper and lower parts.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Order from: Floral Glass & Mirror Co., 895 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Tel. (800) 647-7672.





# Early American Washstand

his handsome Early American washstand is in the collection of the Washington Historical Museum, a small museum in Washington, Connecticut. We have found museums to be an excellent source for projects and general information regarding period furnishings. Although major museums, such as the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, have strict rules regarding access, local museums and historical societies are less restrictive. With proper supervision, curators of many local collections will permit on site inspection and hands-on measurements.

Washstands were a fixture in the Early American home. In the time before central plumbing and bathroom

sinks, the washstand with its bowl and pitcher provided a place for washing up and shaving. While many antique washstands featured cutouts to hold the bowl, we prefer the solid top since it is more easily adapted to use in today's home. This washstand has the added advantage of a drawer. The washstand serves well as a small table for plants and also makes an ideal display stand, especially if you have an antique wash bowl and pitcher to show off.

You may prefer a fancy or exotic hardwood, but Early American washstands were typically fashioned from readily available native lumber such as maple, cherry, oak, or in the case of this stand, pine.

A good place to start this project is with the legs (A). After cutting 1% in. square by 30 in. long blanks, turn to the profile shown in the leg turning illustration. The extra length of the turning blanks allows for waste. Mortise the legs to accept the tenons on the ends of parts B, C, D, E and F. Refer to the tenon details for the appropriate mortise dimension measurements. Now, cut parts B through F using the table saw dado head to establish the tenons. Also cut the side and back cleats (H and I) to length and width, and drill and slot parts B, F, H and I as shown. The slotted holes are needed to accommodate expansion/contraction in the shelf (G) and top (L).

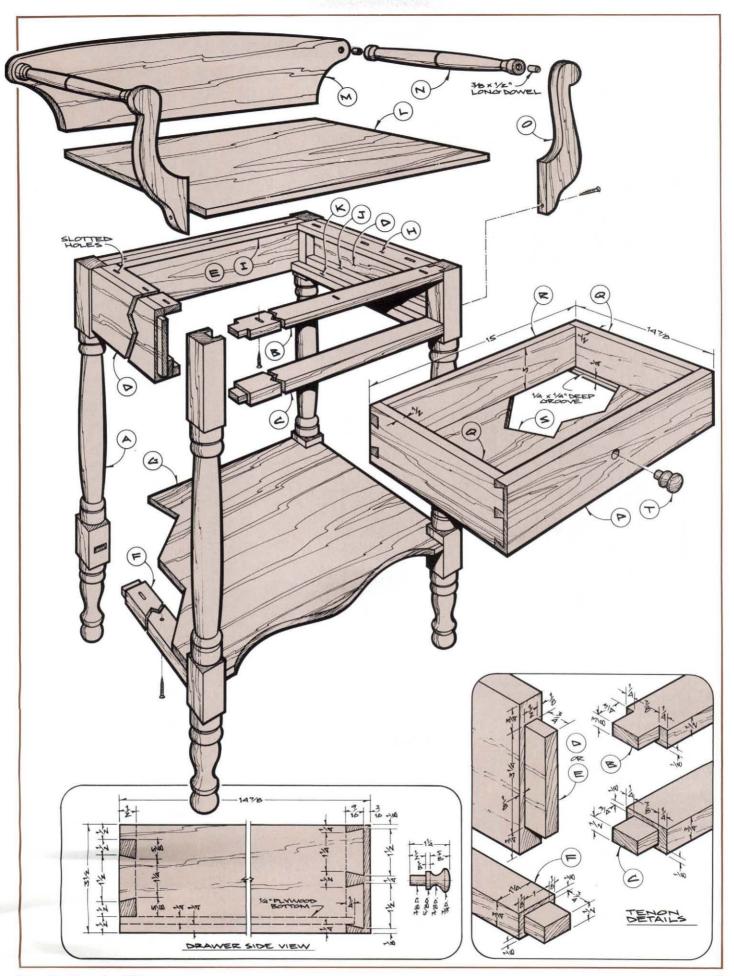
Dry assemble parts A through F, and if all the parts fit properly, glue up and clamp. Cut the spacers (J) and runners (K) to fit, and glue these parts and the cleats in place.

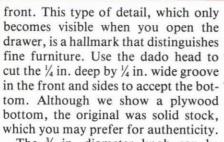
Make the shelf (G) as shown, referring to the top view for the front edge profile. Notch the corners to fit the legs and screw the shelf in place. We recommend allowing about 1/8 in. on each side of these notches to accommodate movement of the shelf in response to changes in humidity.

Cut the top (L), back (M) and supports (O) to size, referring to the front view grid patterns for the profiles of parts M and O. Turn the towel bars (N) to the indicated dimensions, and drill the \(^3\) in. diameter by \(^1\) in. deep holes in M, N and O to accept the towel bar mounting dowels. Glue the back to the top and mount to the washstand as shown. Note that the top/back assembly is fixed at the rear with the screws up through part I, directing any dimensional movement of part L toward the front. Now, mount the towel bar/support assembly, gluing the towel bar into the back and support, and screwing through the supports into the front legs. The supports should be pre-drilled and the screws countersunk.

Now, construct the single drawer consisting of parts P, Q, R and S. This is an ideal opportunity to practice making hand cut dovetails (see drawer side view for dovetail layout). If you selected a dark hardwood such as walnut for this project, by using that wood for the drawer face, but substituting a lighter colored wood for the drawer sides and back, the contrasting stock will highlight the hand cut dovetail construction at the drawer

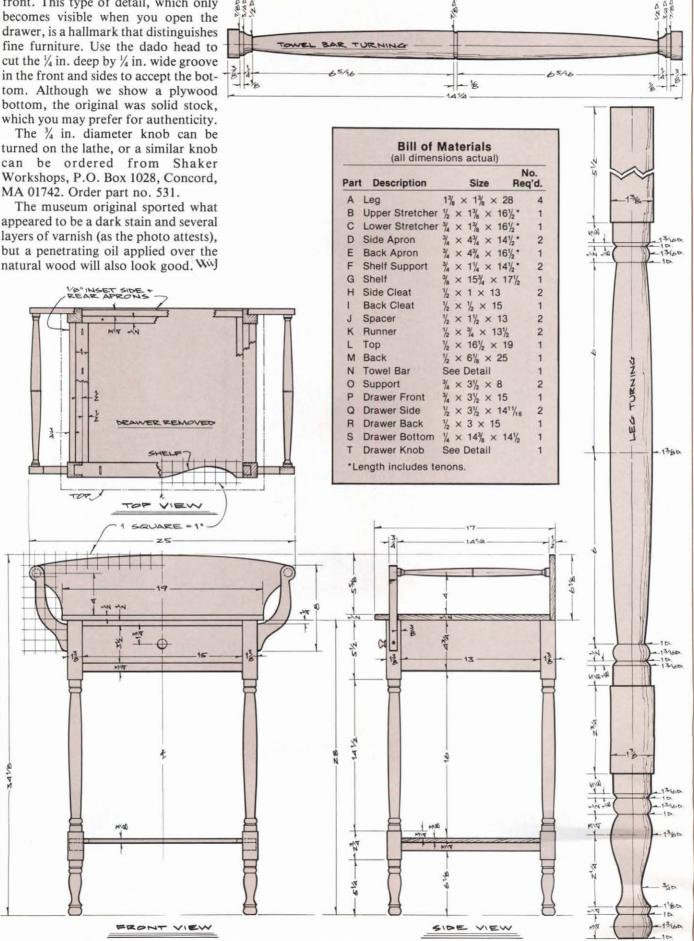
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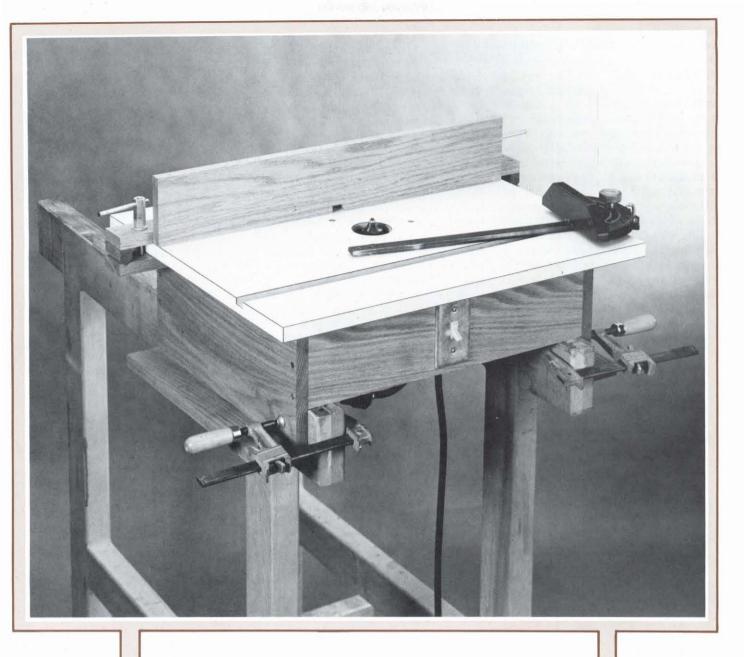




turned on the lathe, or a similar knob can be ordered from Shaker Workshops, P.O. Box 1028, Concord,

The museum original sported what appeared to be a dark stain and several layers of varnish (as the photo attests), but a penetrating oil applied over the natural wood will also look good. Wil





# **Router Table**

As was pointed out in The Beginning Woodworker article on page 18, a good, full-featured router table is essential to the complete woodworking shop. This shop-built table has all the desirable features, including a multiadjustable removable fence, a miter gauge slot, and a built-in on/off switch. The laminate covered top is a pleasure to use, and provides an easily erasable work surface for pencil registration marks.

Start by getting out ¾ in. thick stock for the router table frame, consisting of parts A through F. Any good hardwood will do, however plywood is also acceptable. Cut these parts to length and width, and use the jigsaw to cut away the front (A) as shown to accept the on/off switch (R). Note that on our table the front is also dadoed to accept the switch box (S). We found this was necessary to provide clearance behind the box for the router. Pre-bore for all the assembly screws, glue and screw the clamping foot (F) to the sides (B), screw the sides to the front and back, and add the cleats (C, D, and E).

Now make the table top. Start by cutting a ¾ in. thick section of plywood

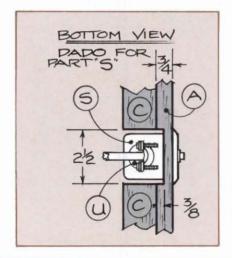
or particleboard to 19% in. wide by 23% in. long (after the laminate is applied, the table dimensions will be 20 in. by 24 in.). Use the dado head to cut out a ½ in. deep by 1¼ in. wide slot in the top core (G) to accept a solid maple insert (H). Then, carefully measure the thickness and width of the guide bar on your miter gauge, and use the table saw and dado head to machine a slot to suit (see miter gauge slot detail). The router and a straight bit can also be used to cut this slot, if you prefer.

Next, apply plastic laminate (I) on both sides and on all edges of the top. It is important to laminate both sides of the top to eliminate warpage. Do not laminate the miter gauge slot, however. Now cut a 21/4 in. diameter hole in the top center, and rout a  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. deep recess on the bottom side to accept the router. Note that the diameter of the router recess is sized to accept your router. Also drill and countersink as shown for the machine screws to mount the router, and apply the 45-degree bevel to the laminate edges of the miter gauge slot and the 21/4 in. diameter router cutout. A standard 15-degree bevel is applied to all other laminate edges (see laminate edge cross-section detail). Use a 15-degree laminate trimming bit to apply this bevel.

The router table fence can be made next. Cut the fence base (J), support (K) and face (L), to size, make the spacer (M) as shown in the spacer detail, and cut a matching \(^1/8\) in. deep V-groove in the jaw (N). Assemble as shown with glue and screws, and drill through the base and jaws to accept the

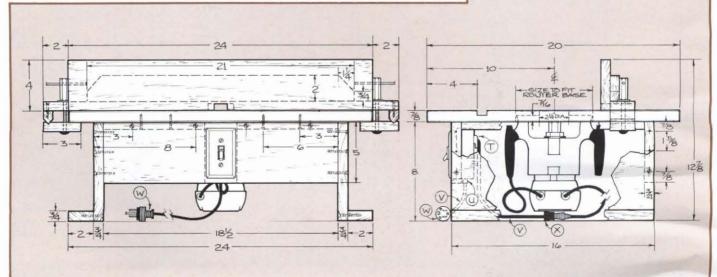
⅓ in. diameter carriage bolts (Q). The threaded rod connector (O) and handle rod (P) are available at hardware stores. Drill ¼ in. diameter holes through the connectors for the handles and peen the handle ends to prevent loss. Note the chip clearance slots in the fence base and face. By making this slot a V-cut with the wide mouth toward the back of the fence, you can ease the exit of the chips. The clamp jaws of the fence make minute adjustments easy; simply tap the fence into place and tighten the connectors to lock the position.

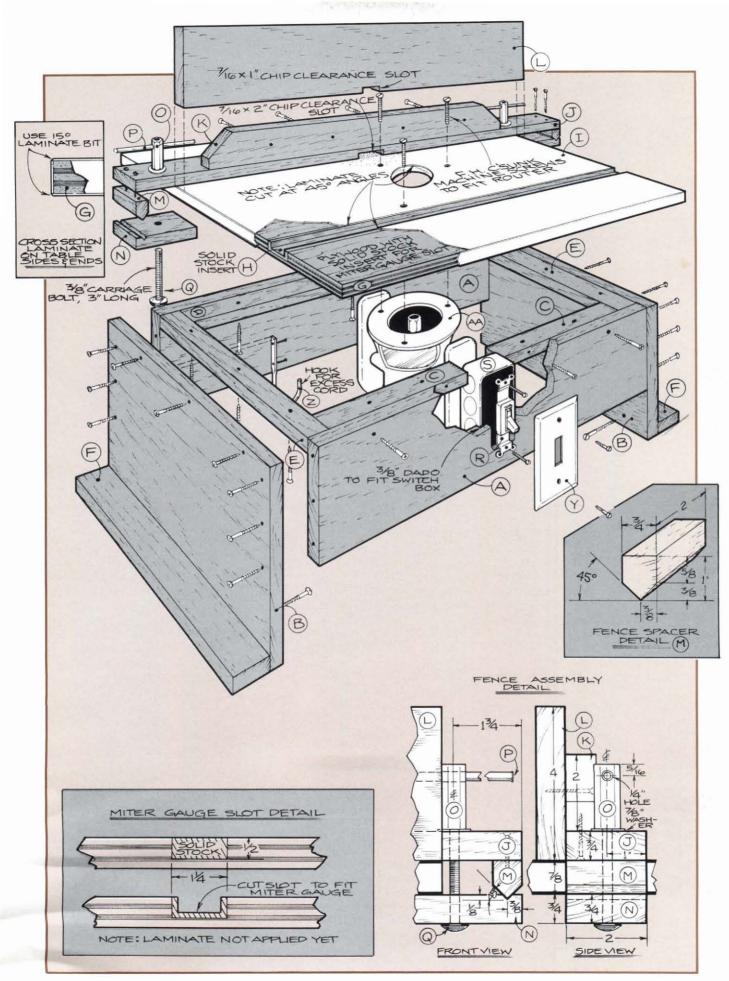
The bill of materials shows all the electrical parts needed to install the switch unit. If you want to retain the original cord on your router, the cord hook (Z) provides a place to secure the excess looped cord. You will need to lock the router switch in the "on" position in order to make use of the box mounted switch.



Bill of Materials (all dimensions actual)

Part	Description	Size Reg'o	
Α	Front/Back	$\frac{3}{4} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$	2
В	Side	3/4 × 8 × 16	2
C	Front Cleat	3/4 × 11/2 × 61/2	2
D	Back Cleat	3/4 × 11/2 × 151/2	1
E	Side Cleat	3/4 × 11/2 × 141/2	2
F	Clamping Foot	3/4 × 2 × 16	2
G	Top Core	3/4 × 197/8 × 237/8	1
Н	Miter Gauge Slot Insert	1/2 × 11/4 × 237/8	1
1	Plastic Laminate		
j	Fence Base	3/4 × 2 × 28	1
K	Fence Support	3/4 × 2 × 21	1
Ĺ	Fence Face	3/4 × 4 × 24	1
M	Fence Spacer	see detail	2
N	Fence Jaw	3/4 × 2 × 3	2
0	Threaded Rod	14	-
	Connector	3/ <sub>8</sub> - 16 × 13/ <sub>4</sub> long	2
Р	Handle	1/4 dia. × 31/2 long rod	2
Q	Carriage Bolt	% dia. × 3 in. long	2
R	Switch	U.L. Listed	1
S	Вох	Standard Surface Mount	1
Т	Right Angle		
	Cable Connector	Standard 90°	1
U	Cable Connector	Straight	1
٧	Cord	Heavy Duty 15 Amp 125V as red	'd.
W	Plug (male)	Heavy Duty 15 Amp 125 V	1
X	Plug (female)	Heavy Duty 15 Amp 125 V	1
Y	Switch Cover Plate	Standard Metal or Plastic	1
Z	Cord Hook	31/2 in. long	1
	Router	You Supply	1







This toddler-sized version of a turnof-the-century sleigh will make a delightful gift this holiday. And, we suspect, it will quickly be put to use when the first snow blankets the backyard.

Since small children need some support in order to sit up, we added a back, sides, and front to make their sleigh rides a bit more comfortable. A blanket or two may also help.

We used ash stock for the runners, legs, cleats, and bottom. The front, back, and sides are made from cherry.

To make the laminated runners (A), you'll first need to make a particleboard mold (see bent lamination detail). Begin by cutting two pieces of ¾ in. thick particleboard to 15 in. wide by 51 in. long. Apply a thin coat of glue to one side of each piece, then clamp the two parts together.

When dry, remove the clamps and rip the particleboard to 14 in. wide. Next, using the miter gauge, trim one end square, then cut to a length of 50 in.

At a point 43 in. from the left end, scribe the  $6^{11}/_{16}$  in. radius as shown. Note that it is scribed so that the radius just touches the top edge of the mold.

In order to create a short flat section on the runner, and to allow for some in-

evitable springback when the lamination is removed from the mold, a 5-degree angle and a relief notch are cut on the bottom.

Lay out and cut the notch first, using the band or saber saw to do the cutting.

	Bill o	f Mate		
Par	t Description		Size	No. Req'd.
Α	Runner	see de	etail	2
В	Leg	$\frac{3}{4} \times 5$	× 10	6
C	Cleat	$\frac{3}{4} \times 1$	½ × 19	3
D	Bottom	$\frac{3}{4} \times 1$	6 × 31	1
Ε	Front	% × 9	1/2 × 18*	1
F	Back	5/8 × 1	7 × 24*	1
G	Side	$\frac{1}{2} \times 1$	$0\frac{1}{2} \times 36^{*}$	2
Н	Handle	3/4 × 3/	x 8	1
1	Rope	1/4 in. c	lia.	as req'd.
* [	Dimension allow	vs for e	xtra stoc	K.

Mark point "A" on the bottom edge of the radius, as shown on the detail. Next, set a bevel gauge to 5 degrees and scribe a line from point "A" to the notch.

Now, use the band saw to cut to the  $6^{1}/_{6}$  in. radius and the 5-degree flat. Stay just outside the marked line, then use the disc sander to sand exactly to the line. Be sure the 5-degree angle is sanded flat.

Lay out and mark the location of the 1 in. holes, and use the drill press and a 1 in. spade bit to bore them out. You'll need 17 one in. diameter by 4½ in. long dowels, each one with a pair of holes bored to accept ½ in. threaded rod.

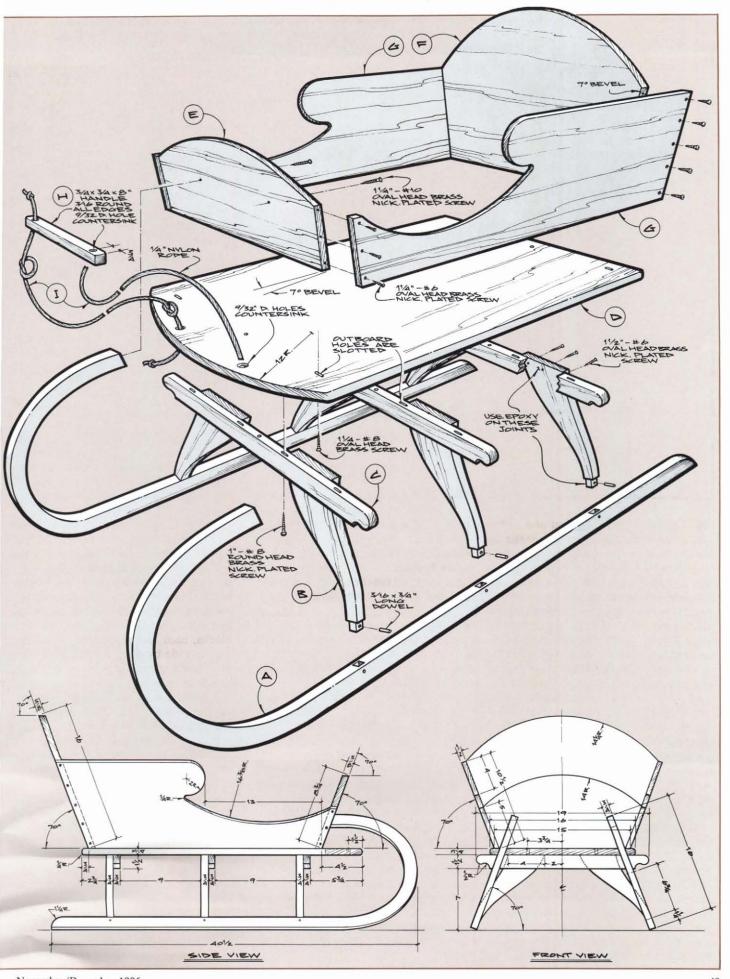
Also needed will be a ¾ in. by 1½ in. by 31 in. clamp bar and 17 maple clamp blocks, each measuring ½ in. thick by 1¼ in. wide by 4¼ in. long. Note that each block has a pair of holes for the ¼ in. threaded rod.

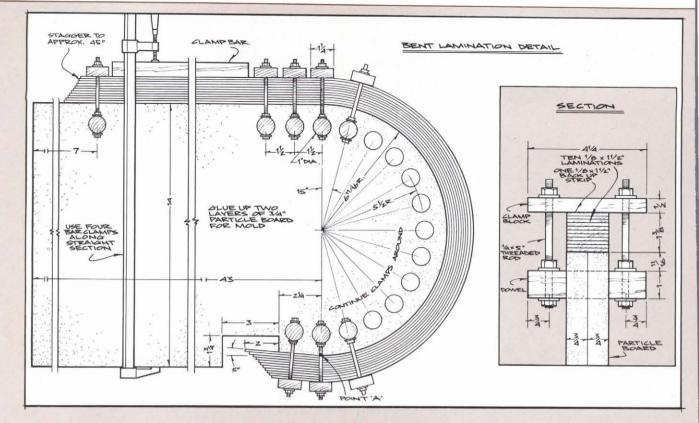
Later on, when the lamination is being clamped to the mold, a good deal of glue squeeze-out will occur. To keep parts from sticking together, it's important to apply a coat of paste wax now to the clamp bar, clamp blocks, dowels, and to the end of the mold.

For each runner you'll need 10 laminations and one backup strip, each measuring 1/8 in. thick by 11/2 in. wide by 70 in. long. The backup serves to help distribute the clamp pressure and to protect the outer lamination. Like the mold parts, it should be waxed to prevent sticking to the mold.

Be sure to select straight grained stock that is free from knots, burls, or other defects that could crack when the

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lamination is bent.

Our laminations were made by resawing stock to  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. thick, then using the thickness planer to plane it to  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. Ideally you should keep the laminations in the same order they were ripped. Glued together in this way, the grain configuration will most resemble solid stock.

Plastic resin glue, which is available at most hardware stores, should be used to glue the laminations. This glue comes in the form of a brown powder that is mixed with water just before assembly. You'll need about a pint (after adding water) per runner to complete the job. Plastic resin has good water resistance, an important feature for an adhesive that will spend a good many hours in snow. Also plastic resin glue dries slowly, and that's helpful when you are faced with a somewhat time consuming clamping operation like this.

Before starting, take one lamination and bend it around the form by hand. Locate it so that one end is at least 2 in. into the notch (see bent lamination detail). Make sure the lamination is held firmly against the mold all around, then mark the location of the other end of the lamination on the mold. This mark will come in handy later on as the starting point.

Assemble all the dowels to the mold and add the threaded rod, nuts, and washers. Don't add the clamp blocks yet, but have them ready along with the washers and nuts. An open-end wrench (or better yet a ratchet wrench with a deep socket) should be handy.

Disposable 3 in. wide paint rollers will be helpful for applying the glue. Glue should be added to both mating surfaces, but remember not to apply glue to the inside and outside surfaces.

Clamp the mold in a vise, on edge, with the radiused end overhanging the workbench. Now place the lamination stack on the top edge of the mold, aligning the bottom lamination with the previously marked starting point. Before clamping, use your fingers to push the end of the lamination stack so that it staggers to approximately 45 degrees as shown.

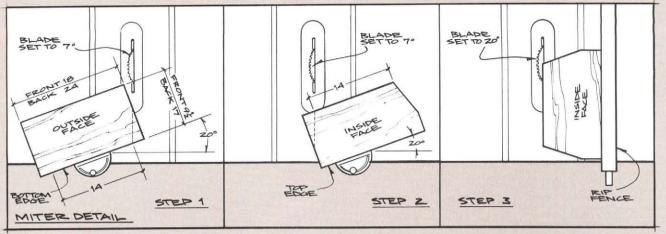
Add the waxed backup strip on top, then assemble and lightly tighten the first and second clamp blocks. Now align the lamination stack on the edge of the mold, making sure it's centered. Once all looks okay, add the waxed clamp bar and secure it with four bar clamps, then go back and firmly tighten the first and second clamp blocks. The third clamp block is tightened next, then each clamp block in succession until all 17 are secured.

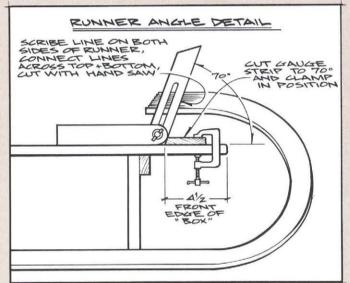
Keep in mind that although plastic resin glue does allow some additional working time, you should not take more than 20 minutes for the entire gluing and clamping process. Any more time than that and you may find the glue starting to set up. As you work your way around the mold tightening the clamps, remember that the lamination should remain centered on the mold. Also, the edges of the laminations should remain reasonably flush, so you may find it necessary to use a couple of waxed scrap blocks and a C-clamp to keep the edges together. Once everything looks okay, set aside to dry overnight.

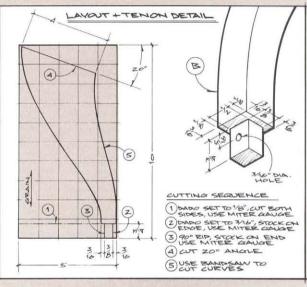
When dry, disassemble the clamp blocks and remove the lamination from the mold. Before jointing and thickness planing, you'll first need to remove the glue squeeze-out on the edges of the lamination. We used the table saw to do this, first adding a 12 in. auxiliary fence to help support the stock. Set the blade to a height of 1\% in. before locating the auxiliary fence so that the blade removes about 1/8 in. of stock. As you run the stock through the blade it will need to be rotated to cut the curve. Use caution here. To minimize the chance of any kickback, keep the stock firmly against the auxiliary fence. And be sure to keep your hands away from the blade.

Next, use the jointer to surface the sawn edge. In order to joint the entire edge, you'll have to rotate the lamination at the curve.

With one side sawn and jointed, the table saw is once again used. With the jointed edge against the auxiliary fence, rip the lamination to a thickness of <sup>13</sup>/<sub>16</sub> in. Like the first saw cut, it will be







necessary to rotate the curved portion through the blade. The sawn edge can now be jointed to provide a final lamination thickness of  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

Since the clamp block pressure causes flat spots on the outside of the curve, we used a disk sander to smooth them out. To insure a smooth radius, we first scribed an arc with a compass, then lightly disk sanded it to the line.

The laminated runners can now be cut to the final length of  $40\frac{1}{2}$  in. (see side view). Lay out and mark the location of the  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. wide by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. long by  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. deep mortises as shown. To cut the mortises, use an electric hand drill and a  $\frac{3}{6}$  in. Forstner or brad point bit to bore a  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. deep hole, then clean up the corners with a sharp chisel. Scribe the  $\frac{11}{4}$  in. radius on the end of each runner and use the band saw to cut it out. Sand it smooth on the disk sander.

The legs (B) are made from  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick stock following the directions provided in the layout and tenon detail. However, at this time do not bore the  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. holes in the tenons. Once cut out, give the legs a thorough sanding.

Make the cleats (C) as shown. Note

that each cleat has a single hole bored at the center, and a pair of slotted holes on each side of center.

Temporarily screw (don't glue) the legs to the cleats in their proper location. Now use epoxy to glue the legs to the runners using light clamp pressure to hold them together. Allow to dry before boring the holes for the  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. by  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. long dowel pin in each tenon. Cut the pins slightly long, then epoxy glue them in place and sand flush. Epoxy glue is used because it has excellent water resistance. White or yellow glues do not stand up well when exposed to moisture.

The legs can now be permanently attached to the cleats. Remove the screws and add a thin coat of epoxy to both mating surfaces, then reassemble.

Make the bottom (D) as shown, but don't bore any holes except the two holes for the ¼ in. rope. Now place the bottom on the cleats in proper position and drive the 1 in. by number 8 screws through the cleats and into the bottom.

To make the sides (G), cut ½ in. thick stock to a width of 10½ in. and a length of 36 in. On the bottom edge, mark the

centerline of the 36 in. length, then measure and mark a point 12% in. each side of the centerline. This will establish the 25% in. length at the bottom. Now, using the table saw with the miter gauge set to make a 70-degree angle (see side view) cut the miter on each end as shown. To cut the bevel on the bottom edge, set the blade to 20 degrees off vertical, then use the rip fence to guide the stock through the blade. You can next lay out the various radiuses and cut them out on the band saw. After sanding the edges smooth, drill pilot holes on each end to accept the screws.

The front (E) and back (F) are made next. From \( \frac{5}{6} \) in. thick stock, cut the front to 9\( \frac{1}{2} \) in. wide by 18 in. long and cut the back to 17 in. wide by 24 in. long. On the bottom edge of each part, mark the centerpoint along the length, then measure and mark a point 7 in. each side of the centerline. This establishes the 14 in. length of the bottom.

Both the front and the back require compound angles on the ends and a bevel on the bottom edge. The same (continued on next page)

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three-step procedure is used to cut both parts. These steps are shown in the miter detail. (Note that the illustration shows a table saw with a blade that tilts to the left.)

To make the cuts, tilt the blade 7 degrees off vertical and set the miter gauge to make a 20-degree cut as shown in step 1. Note that the *outside face* is up and the bottom edge is against the miter gauge. After making the cut, move the miter gauge to the right side slot and flip the stock so the *inside face* is up and the top edge is against the miter gauge. Make the second cut to establish the 14 in. length at the bottom edge. As illustrated in step 3, use the rip fence with the blade tilted at 20 degrees off vertical to bevel the bottom edge. Note that the *inside face* must be up.

Temporarily screw the sides to the front and back, boring pilot holes in the ends of the front and back before driving the screws. Mark the front and back where they meet the sides.

Now disassemble the front, back, and sides before using a trammel to scribe a 14½ in. radius on the back and a

14 in. radius on the front. Locate the centerpoint of each radius so that the arcs meet at the pencil marks on the ends. Be sure to scribe the arcs on the outside faces of the front and back — if scribed on the inside you'll lose some stock width when the arc is cut.

Use the band saw to cut the arc, staying just outside the marked line. To bevel the curve, set the disk sander table at an angle that matches the line marked at the end of the arc. Sand the entire curved edge at this angle.

The front, back, and sides can now be reassembled. First, though, give the parts a thorough sanding.

To cut the runner to the compound angle that matches the front, you'll first need to cut a 70-degree angle along one edge of a 15 in. long strip of ½ in. thick stock. As shown in the runner angle detail, this beveled strip is clamped at a point 4½ in. from the front edge, and it represents what will be the location of the outside edge of the front. Set the bevel gauge to 70 degrees and butt it against the beveled strip. With the bevel gauge flat on the bottom, use a sharp

pencil to scribe both sides of the runner at the 70-degree angle. After scribing the two side lines, connect them across the top with a third line. Now, with the three lines serving as a guide, use a dovetail saw to trim the runner to length.

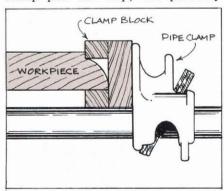
The assembly consisting of the sides, front, and back can now be secured to the bottom. Note that it is held in place by six screws: three driven into the bottom edge of the front, and three driven into the bottom edge of the back. Locate and bore the holes (note the outside ones are slotted) then join by driving 1½ in. by number 8 brass screws up through the bottom. Don't use glue here as the bottom must be free to expand and contract with changes in humidity. Secure the runners to the front with a 1½ in. by number 10 brass screw driven through the front.

The handle (H) can now be made as shown, then the entire sled is given a final sanding. We applied two coats of a good quality exterior varnish. The addition of a nylon rope and the handle completed the project.

# **Shop Tips**

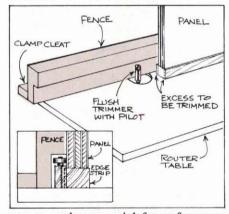
For an excellent sanding block, glue ¼ in. thick sheet cork to the underside of a ¾ in. by 2½ in. by 4 in. piece of plywood. The cork has the ideal resiliency for backing up the sandpaper.

A molded edge as shown is tough to clamp. The rounded profile provides little bearing surface, so any clamp pressure is likely to damage the edge. A clamp pad will help, but probably



won't eliminate the problem. What's needed is a "C" shape clamp block as shown. It bears at two points and minimizes the chance of marring the molded edge.

When you need to apply solid stock edging around a plywood panel and the edging must be flush with one or both faces of the panel, you can cut the edging slightly thick and carefully hand plane and sand it flush, but it will

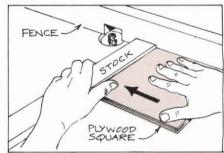


pay to make a special fence for your router table and use a flush trimmer bit with a pilot bearing as shown. If the panel needs edging all around, glue and clamp the end strips on first and trim them flush, then the side strips are added and trimmed.

A chair rung hole that's bored a bit oversized can be a problem because most adhesives require good surface contact between the mating parts. If you're faced with this problem, try using epoxy glue. Epoxy will form a strong joint even without good surface contact.

If you use a stationary disc sander or a sanding disc with a table saw to sharpen chisels, be sure to first clean out all sawdust from the machine as the sparks generated by sharpening can easily set the sawdust aflame.

Without a miter gauge it's difficult to rout the ends of long narrow stock. Here's a way to do it that's simple, safe and effective. Cut a piece of plywood to about 10 in. by 10 in., making sure the corners are square. Hold the plywood against the router table fence



while keeping the stock against the plywood, then use the plywood to push the stock through the cutter.

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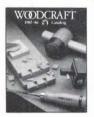
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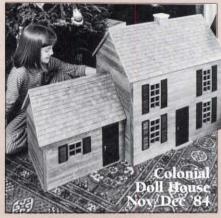
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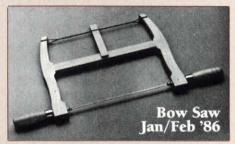
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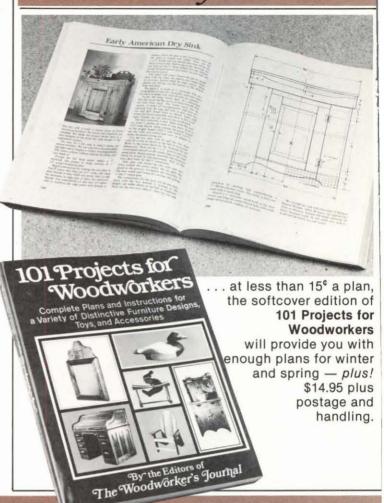
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