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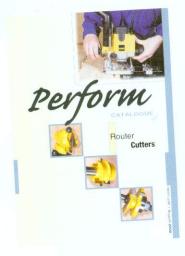
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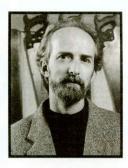
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On page 31 of this issue you will see our report of this year's Axminster Tool & Machinery Exhibition – although from the number of you who visited our stand it seems as though you all saw the show for yourselves!

Our sister magazines *Furniture & Cabinetmaking* and *Woodturning* organise two great competitions at the show, with a huge display of entries, all of a very high standard.

For the last three years *The Router* has made special awards to those entries in the F&C competition which show the best use of a router – again see page 31 – but I'm wondering whether it's time we had our own competition? After all, we can't have the world's best router magazine outdone by a couple of upstarts like *Furniture & Cabinetmaking* and *Woodturning* magazines, can we?



A router competition would have categories for items made using a router, but also things made for a router – for example, jigs and router tables.

What do you think? I'm pretty sure that some of our friends in the trade would donate some serious bits of routing kit as prizes, so quite apart from the satisfaction of seeing your work on display (and in your favourite magazine, by the way) there would be a chance of driving home with a bootful of new router stuff!

Let me know what you think – if enough of you want to enter, there's still time for us to organise things for this year's show: just write to us, or e-mail me at PaulRicha@aol.com.

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Webwatch

with James Shanahan

Recently I've been looking at websites which, in the main, offer the opportunity to shop on-line for routers and router-related goodies. These sites often contain extra information, such as how to use various tools and devices, but none are as informative as this month's site at www.learnfree-home.com/woodshop/

Often when you're starting out in woodwork it is hard to find answers to questions about the basic equipment and what tricks each tool can perform. Now you need look no further for this information.

The site includes a multimedia Vidbook called Woodshop Power Tools which gives you a carpenter's eye view of what equipment you might want if you're starting a home workshop or expanding an existing one. Using text, photos and streaming video clips – clips you can watch while you surf – it also outlines the



jobs each machine can perform, and provides a glossary to clearly identify workshop terms. Best of all, all this information is absolutely free, so you can browse at your leisure and learn at you

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The Router news

Worktop wonder

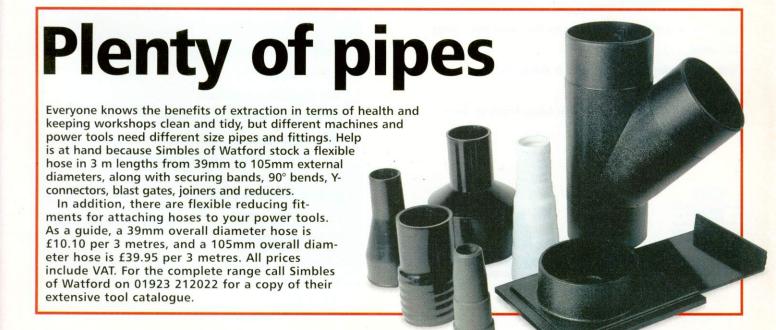
If you need close fitting joints when fitting kitchen worktops, a good router and a jig specially designed for the purpose are pretty useful items. So, those clever people at Trend have come up with the new Combi 65 jig, which can be used with worktops up to 650mm wide.

The jig is made from 12mm thick, hardwearing solid laminate, which will enable all heavy-duty routers with a suitable guidebush and cutter combination to cut exacting butt and scribed joints. Trend reckon this can be done within 15 minutes including setting up time - but I guess it depends how fast you work. The jig can be used on worktops up to 40mm thick with or without an anti-drip

post-formed edge. The jig can also be used to cut the recesses on the underside of the worktop for the panel-connecting bolts. Whether you're an on-site kitchen fitter or an inspired home improver, the Combi jig could help you out.

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The Combi 65 comes in at £99.90 including VAT. For more information and details of your nearest stockist contact Trend freephone 0800487363, fax 01923 236879, e-mail: combi65@trendm.co.uk or visit www.trendm.co.uk on the web.



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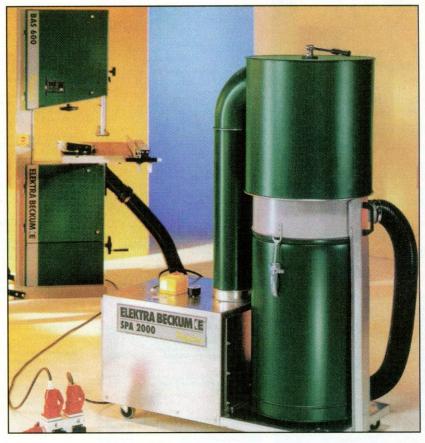


Super sucker

New to the UK is the Elektra Beckum SPA 2000 dust extractor. They claim it's the most powerful of its class, and meets the toughest requirements for low dust emission. Because the laid down purity level of 0.2mg per cubic metre is permanently kept to, costly workplace dust-accumulation checks are said to be unnecessary.

The machine runs off a powerful threephase motor, and benefits from a vacuum of 2560 Pascal for effective suction, and a filter surface area of 5.2 square meters. It has a fan located downstream in the clean air area, to conform to the regulation B1 (dust explosion protected). The casing is galvanised, with a paint finish on certain parts to protect against rust. It sits on a wheeled, tilt-resistant stand with a supported and enclosed 135-litre capacity dust bag. That's a lot of dust.

There are some nifty optional extras, such as a crevice tool, which turns the extractor into a giant vacuum cleaner, and an adaptor sleeve for the universal adaptor and to fit a T-joint to connect two suction hoses. Time-delayed switching on and off is also available as an extra, making it possible to remove residual dust without switching on several machines.



This also means you can bust dust when you're out of the workshop, safe in the knowledge that it'll turn itself off when you're done. Very handy.

The SPA 2000 costs £1985 including VAT. Contact Elektra Beckum, 25 Majestic Road, Nursling Industrial Estate, Southampton. Tel 02380 732000.

The German screw manufacturer, ABC Limited, have created an ingenious device which they reckon will revolutionise the screwdriver market. It's called the ABC-BIT magazin, and on first glance it doesn't look that out of the ordinary. However, the screwdriver handle incorporates a magnetic holder, suitable for use with power drivers, complete with up to 10 bits (depending on the model), and a push-in function for multi-function screwdriving. Once the appropriate bit has been selected from the handle each part slots together "within seconds and with maximum ease".

The handle has an ergonomic design, so it's a snug fit in your hand, and has a non-slip surface to allow optimum thrust for effortless use. The tool is fast, portable and safe - and it looks pretty cool too.

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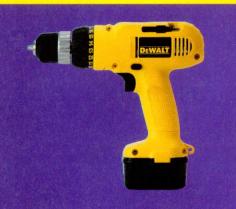




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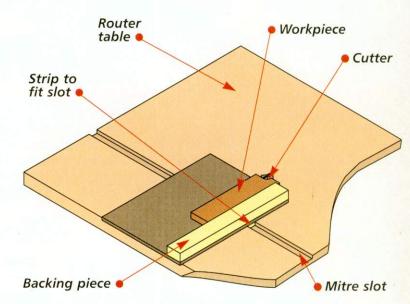
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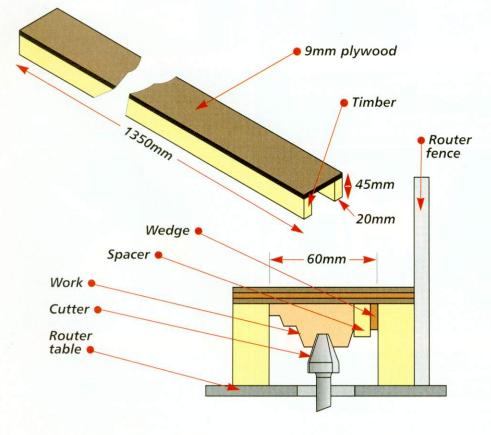
Here's a jig for the router table for squaring up the ends of boards. It helps to have some form of accurate guidance, in this case I used the mitre guide slot.

The diagram shows a thin board with a backing piece to support the work. The strip underneath is a good fit in the mitre slot. Hold the work against the backing piece and push past the cutter to trim the end. Any tendency of the cutter to pull the

workpiece into it can be counteracted by using a clamp instead of hand pressure. Simple.

N. Meller





END VIEW

Multiple pass routing channel

When using a router table to make a complex shape, such as a dado rail or picture frame, where several passes are required, successive cuts can destroy the the initial flat surface which registered with the router table top. I came up with this device to solve this problem.

The device is simply an accurately-made channel consisting of two straight pieces of timber glued with Cascamite to a 9mm plywood strip, into which the work is wedged.

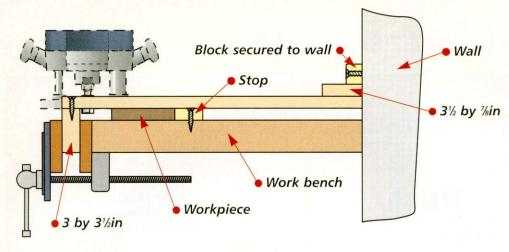
The two narrow wedges are 150mm long, 6mm thick tapering to zero, and 15mm wide. With one placed at each end they hold the workpiece surprisingly securely.

A spacer can be used at the side of the work, and also, when cutting small work-pieces, spacers can be put above the work to bring it down to the level of the cutter.

The channel is inverted and moved along against the table fence. The workpiece is held securely in the channel and passes over the cutter. The position of the cutter on the work can be checked before cutting, by looking along the channel.

The size I have chosen is versatile enough for general work, but the principle can be applied to any size you choose.

P. Martin, Macclesfield



Slot Width of router base Bookcase side

Vice jig

Here are the plans for a jig I made about 20 years ago, but which I still find useful today. I needed a jig to help me rout out slots in a set of bookcases I was making. One end fits into the bench vice and the other end under a batten on the wall of the garage at the back of the bench. When you press the end into the vice and secure it the workpiece is secured to the bench.

The length is determined by the distance between vice and wall, while the width between the guides is the diameter of your router. All the parts were made from offcuts of oak or hardwood, and secured with No. 12 screws.

I also screw a batten to the bench to help maintain the 90° angle, allowing the workpiece to slide into place for each slot. You can tap the block in the vice for fine adjustment, especially when the cutter is not the full diameter of the slot required. Release the vice to move the workpiece to the next slot. Occasionally you may need to use G-cramp to secure the workpiece to the bench.

J.V. Rogers, Dorset

Depth stop rod

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The three-stage depth setting turret on the average router is OK but seldom gives you the correct intermediate plunge stages that you need. The result can be passes that are too deep or too shallow. A way around this is to have a small pack of different thickness pieces of ply or MDF about ½in wide that you can slip in turn under the depth stop and thus get any plunge setting you want. A refinement is to drill them and use a piece of bath plug chain or string to tie them together so they can't get lost.

T. Banks, Slough

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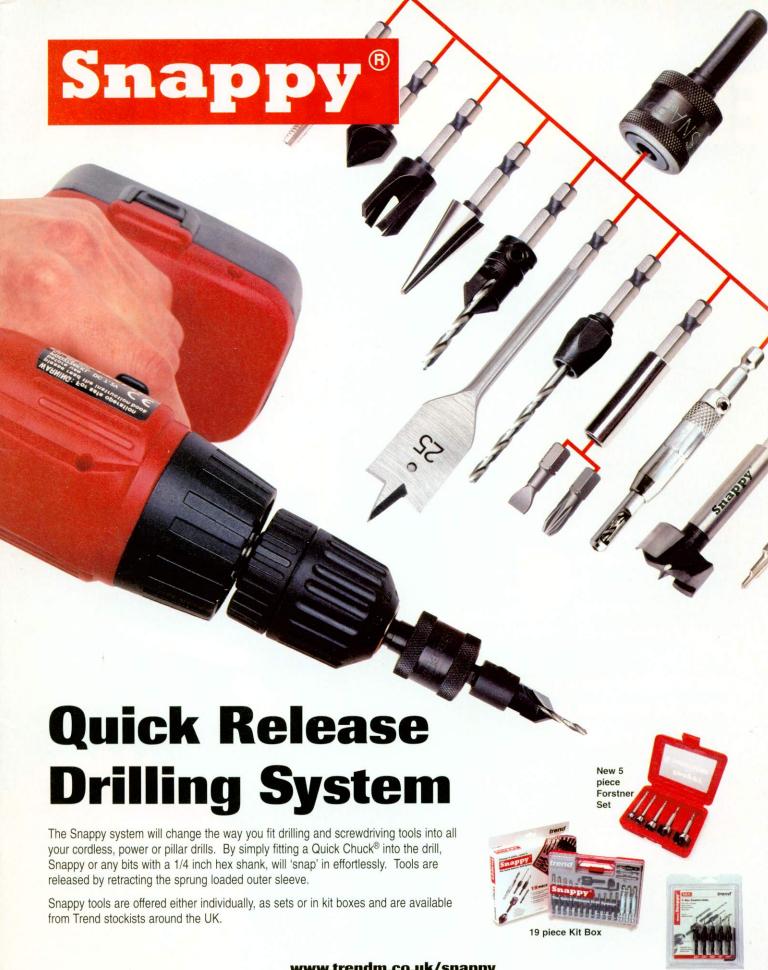
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A question of size

I am a hobby woodworker and am going to purchase a Bosch POF router to do some light work, using a jig on my Coronet lathe. I want to rout 3mm slots with a spiral twist bit – downcut, as I need a very clean edge, 10mm deep and 60mm long – to receive some shaped 3mm glass pieces I have designed, cut and ground to shape.

I know I need to make several light cuts, but will I be better off with the variable speed POF600 (12 - 27,000rpm, £120) or will the much cheaper POF500 (27,000rpm, £80) do the job adequately?

I am unemployed so the cost is quite a factor, however I will happily wait to purchase the more expensive and powerful variable speed version if:

1. It will perform much better cuts in different woods. Do different woods require different speeds? I mainly use ash, cherry, beech and oak.

2. The single speed will cause the wood to burn more – this would be unacceptable.

3. The variable speed one will be much more versatile and last longer.

I would also like to run off some small mouldings, using the minimachine jig Bob Wearing demonstrates in 'Routing aids' in issue 17. Out of interest, which version is he using there? Is the variable speed better in both situations?

Also, to reveal a little more of my quite comprehensive ignorance about things router-related, is there a maximum diameter of cutter for this type of router? I have figured out it won't make door panels or large ogee rails, but for relatively small beadings etc?

Thank you very much for your time, I am more interested in a prompt reply than a tenner!

Damian Gaffey, Wales

Your letter poses one of the most frequently asked questions – should I spend more money and get a better router? In this case I am happy to say the answer is not really. I suspect most owners of small, 1/4in collet variable-speed machines leave their routers set at maximum for most of the time, as lower speeds are only really needed for larger diameter cutters than even a 600W motor can cope with – this also applies to using the Bob Wearing jig. Burning is the result of too slow a feed speed in relation to the cutter speed, and can often be dealt with by making one very light final cut.

Regarding your point about cutter diameters – any cutter which is sold in the UK will have a diameter that is appropriate to its shank size, so if you can buy it you can use it. Having said this, you should take shallower cuts when using big cutters to reduce the strain on the motor. Sorry if our reply was slower than you hoped; magazines are put together some time before actual publication, but you are welcome to the tenner!

Paul Richardson

True edges

I was interested in reading Roy Sutton's article in *The Router*, issue 19, page 83, on constructing a jig to overcome the problem of planing a true edge. If I understood the jig correctly, I concluded that it could not be used for boards shorter in length than the distance between the two toggle clamps. The jig is also dependant on on the router having a reasonable plunging depth. Perhaps you could confirm this.

However my main reason for writing is to ask if *The Router* has published plans for a jig that solves the problem of squaring up the ends of boards. My present method is to use an L-shaped template of MDF, which I know has a true right-angle.

I clamp the long leg of the L-shape to the edge of the board to be squared, with the short leg close to the end of the board. Any deviation from the end of the square is plain to see, and can be trimmed off with a template profile cutter.

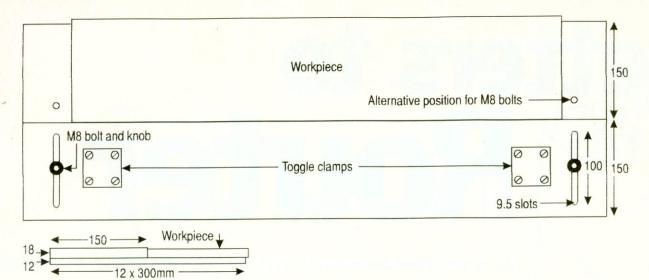
This works quite well, but I would much prefer a system where I could use my router table, rather than using my router freehand. Any ideas?

D. Rickard

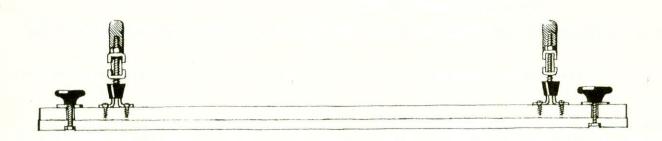


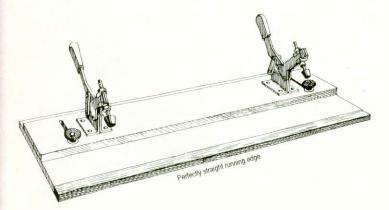
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Roy Sutton's edge planing jig



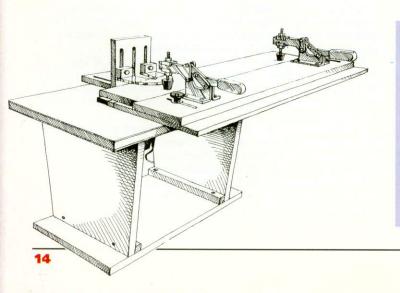


Thank you for your query regarding Roy Sutton's edge planing jig. You can, in fact, plane quite short lengths if you wish, by merely adding a third toggle clamp in the middle.

As regards cutter length, most top-mounted bearing cutters are a bit longer because of the position of the bearing. Allied to that, if the jig base is say, 9mm (%in) thick, and your router top is also fairly thin where the router is mounted (if you have a steel or hard plastic insert plate), then cutter projection isn't a problem!

Your second query about trimming ends of components is easily solved too. I used to square up the ends of boards using a T-square or L-piece to guide the router's baseplate. Then I came across a variation – to incorporate a slot to take a guidebush, thus ensuring the router can't wander. If you turn to page 8, you'll see this method appears on the Tips page, with a diagram to show you how to set up. Oh, and please let us know what your address is, so we can get a tenner in the post to you!

Paul Richardson



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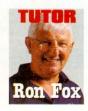
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UIDEBUSH work is a very creative and productive area of routing, but when I get to the guidebush section on my courses I am frequently met with two objections from the students.

"Guidebushes and templates imply batch work, and I am only an amateur, so I will never do any batch work." And, "ok, give me a guidebush and a template and I'll cut something out, but how do I make the template?"

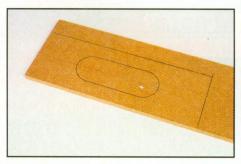
My answers to these two objections are firstly, don't be too sure that you will never want to make a batch of something, and second, there are many useful templates that can be made easily, often using the router itself.

"The actual dimensions are not particularly critical"

Making templates

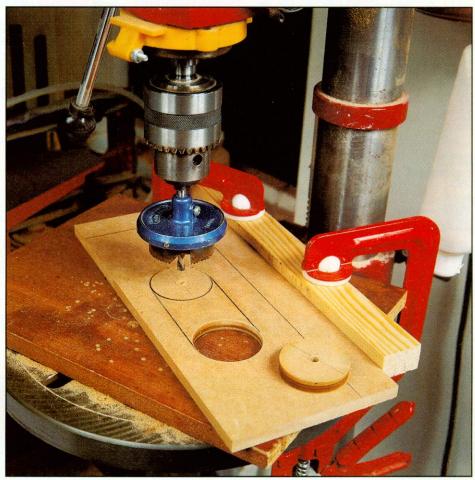
Taking the first point, you might like to make some photo frames. If you have the template, labelled with what it was made for, and what size cutters and bushes were used, you can turn out an identical batch a week, a month, or years later.

▼ Outline of handhold template, drawn on MDF





- ▲ The Elu 96, HolzHer 2356, Bosch 1700 ACE are good with guidebushes
- ▼ Hole being cut with hole saw, first disc cut in shot





▲ Template-making tools: hole saws, sanding bobbins, router and cutters, hot-melt glue gun, double sided tape and four 'sticks'

Many beginners are put off by the thought of making templates. It is true that if you want a template for a complicated project your template will be complicated too, but there are many simple projects where the template required is easy to make, and where the actual dimensions are not particularly critical. This article describes the construction and use of a few of these.

▼ Template being finished with router, profile guide-cutter and straight edge



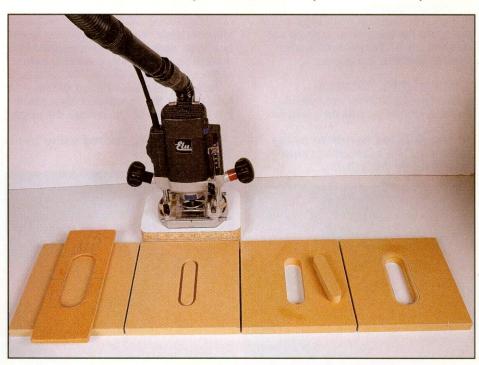
Tools for templates

The ultimate tool for template making is the scrollsaw, but for the templates we are going to make it is not necessary. A set of hole saws, a drill in a stand, one or two sanding bobbins and a couple of standard router cutters are all that is necessary —

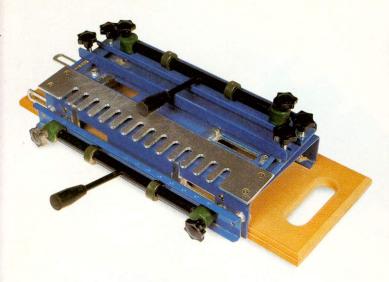
plus the usual oddments of hand tools and abrasives.

A hot melt glue-gun and double-sided tape are invaluable for many of the odd jobs that arise.

▼ The template used in sequence



The Router No 22



▲ The finished article, a mounting board for Titan dovetail jig with carrying handle at each end



▲ Cutting table with router, 1¼in cutter, 24mm guidebush, and template. Note the 'universal template' of straight edges

Materials

The most convenient material for templates is MDF. It is flat, stable and easy to work, but if you have declared yourself an MDF-free zone you can use plywood. Use the best quality birch ply for good results; lower grades are more likely to twist, do not give clean enough edges, and often have voids in them that have a nasty habit of appearing on the edge of your template.

Some people recommend 6mm MDF for templates, but most of mine are made in 9mm MDF, with the occasional 12mm. Consider how far your guidebushes protrude from the router base. This will determine the minimum thickness of template required.

Also consider how deep your router plunges and the workpiece thickness. If you have an Elu 96, or a HolzHer 2356 or Bosch 1700 ACE, your collet plunges through the router base.

This means that provided the guidebush is of sufficient diameter to let the collet through, you can retrieve the depth of cut lost by the thickness of the template and therefore use thicker material for your template and your workpiece.

Template basics

A template is a different size from the resulting product because the guidebush

▼ The finished template being tacked to the marked-up chipboard ready for cutting



holds the cutter away from the template. Inside cuts give a finished article smaller than the template, outside cuts give a finished article larger than the template.

The difference in size depends on the particular combination of guidebush and cutter, and has to be taken into account when making the template. There is a simple formula for calculating the offset, *see fig 1*.

I often use a combination of 24mm guidebush (size is always quoted as outside diameter) and $\frac{1}{2}$ in cutter. Pretending for a moment that $\frac{1}{2}$ in is the same as 6mm, the calculation results in an offset of 9mm, as 24 - 6 = 18; $18 \div 2 = 9$.

The actual size of the finished template is often not critical, so the above approximation is adequate. There's a useful readyreckoner table in the Trend Routing Catalogue which gives the offset for any given combination of guidebush and cutter diameter. We can now make and use a few simple templates.

Template for a handhold

Often we might want to cut a carrying handle in a board, such as for a mounting board for a dovetail jig. The template consists of a piece of 9mm MDF with a rounded slot cut in it.

To obtain the required size, I laid my hand on the MDF board and drew a pencil line on each side of it to indicate the length

▼ A hole being routed using the template



of slot required. I chose a convenient width, added a bit for luck all round and then added the offset of the guidebush/template combination that I would be using.

Since the cut was an inside cut, the template had to be bigger than the required hole. I used my usual combination of 24mm guidebush and ¼in cutter, giving an offset of 9mm. I rounded this up to 10mm to keep things simple. As long as the hole is big enough to take your hand, there is no specific size.

Having drawn the outline of the template I cut a circle at each end with one of my hole saws. I then cut out the waste with a jigsaw and joined the two circles with two straight cuts, made by taping a straight piece of MDF to the template and running along it with a flush-trimming cutter in my router.

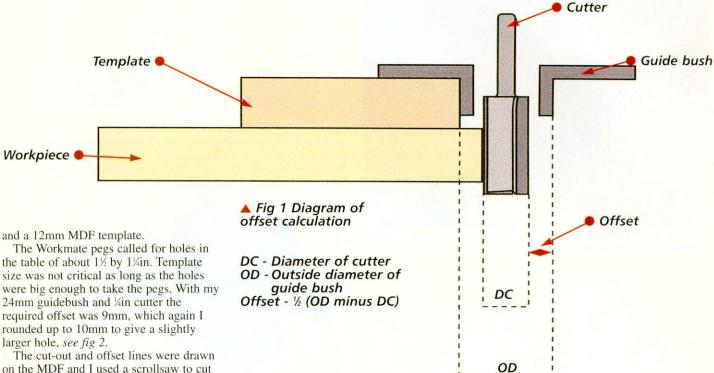
When making small templates, do all the work on the end of a larger board before cutting them off. The handhold was finished by moulding the upper edge with a bearing-guided ovolo cutter.

Holes for Workmate pegs

In TR14 I described my sacrificial cutting table which fits over the pegs on my Workmate. The holes for this were cut with a Perles OF 808E router using a guidebush

▼ The straight edges being nailed around the offset line on the chipboard





The cut-out and offset lines were drawn on the MDF and I used a scrollsaw to cut round the offset line. The overall size of the template should be such that the base of the router is firmly supported.

For straight side cuts it isn't necessary to make a template at all. A few straight pieces of MDF, one for each side of the figure to be cut, are all that is needed for a 'universal template'.

With four of these for the rectangles in the cutting table, the required cut-out and offset are drawn as before, and the four straight edges – 'sticks' – are tacked around the offset line. The hole is then routed as before.

You can actually use the sticks to make the template. Draw the outer line the distance of the offset – 10mm – outside the first offset line. If you draw these lines on your piece of MDF and nail or tape the sticks around the outer line you can use your router and guidebush to cut the template.

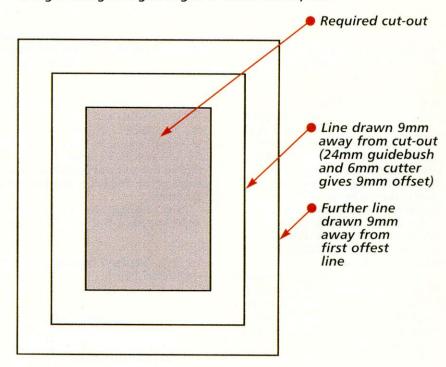
This gives us the power to make any template that only involves straight lines by using the router itself. The size of guidebush is not important as long as you allow for it in the dimensions of the template, but you should use a narrow cutter in order to make the corners of your internal angles as sharp as possible. I always use a ¼in cutter, and the resulting corners need no squaring. This technique can be used to make a template for a photo frame.

Photo-frame template

This template calls for precision in the internal cuts and also requires two different-size guidebushes. The rebate on the back of the frame is made to take whatever size print is intended.

I made one to take a 6 by 4in standard print. This is the size of the rebate; the front aperture is smaller than this to provide support for the glass and the photograph. I would first locate the source of my glass

▼ Fig 2 Using straight edges to make a template



and make the rebate to accommodate this.

Start by drawing a rectangle the size of the required rebate. Take a medium-sized guidebush and a narrow cutter. I use my 24mm guidebush and ½in cutter with the offset rounded up to 10mm.

Draw this 10mm offset line around the rectangle already drawn for the size of the rebate and then draw another line 10mm

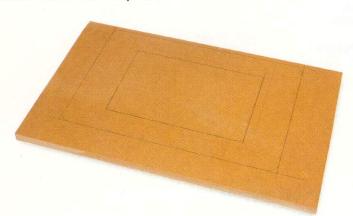
outside this one. Pin or tape the sticks around the outer line, and cut out the internal part of the template.

Repeat the process for the outer edges of the template, making allowance for the offset. The outside doesn't present the same problem as the inside aperture, but I chose to use the template for both inner and outer edges.

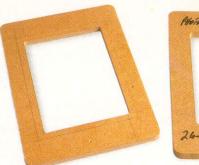
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▲ The hole being routed using the sticks as a guide rather than the template

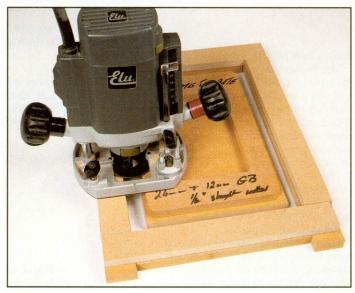


▲ The marked-up MDF ready for cutting the photo frame template using the four sticks





▲ The finished template. Note the outer offset line around which the sticks were pinned, and the pinholes visible in the MDF, plus the labelled copy



▲ The template on the workpiece with packing pieces around the outside to stabilise the router, made with scraps of MDF and a hot-melt glue gun

Construction

Make a back-up copy of the template in case you lose or damage it; Tufnol is very hardwearing. For the photo frame we make use of one template, one cutter, but two guidebushes. Begin by pinning or taping the template to the workpiece. With the 24mm guide bush and the ¼in cutter in the router, I cut round the inside (clockwise) and outside (anticlockwise) of the template making a number of light passes.

The inside is easy because the template provides a stable base for the router. The outside is a different matter and, to make life easier, tape packing pieces equal in height to the top surface of the template around the workpiece.

Having cut the inside and outside shapes of the frame, change the guidebush to a smaller one to cut the rebate. I use a 24mm bush for the first cuts and a 12mm bush for the rebate.

With the 12mm bush and the ¼in cutter the offset reduces from about 9mm to 3mm. The depth of cut is set to about ¼in and the cut made in one pass. This creates the rebate in the back of the frame.

This dimension is critical, and is

carefully worked out in conjunction with our guidebushes and cutters when making the template. By correct choice of guidebush and cutter sizes, we can make the first cuts, then change the bush to a smaller one and pull the cut closer to the edges of the template in order to make the rebate.

Think of guidebushes as a system by which you can follow a template and push

the cut further away from the template or pull it in closer to the template by changing the guidebush, cutter or both.

Having cut the frame I chose to pick out the inside rectangle with a little bearing-guided Roman ogee cutter, using only the bottom 3mm or so of the cutter. I embellished the outside edge with the same ovolo cutter as used in the handhold. The result is quite attractive.

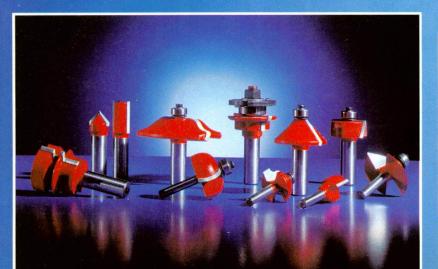
Two finished frames, one shows the rebated back, the other the moulded front





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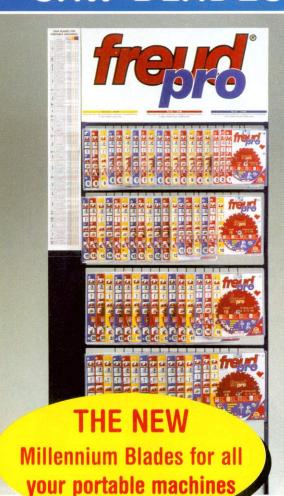
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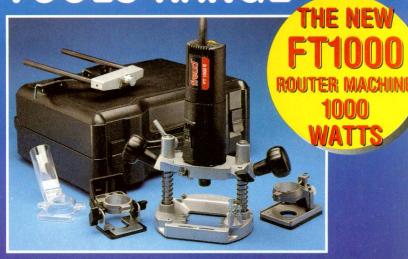
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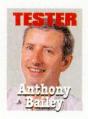
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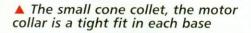


Anthony Bailey gets off the couch to test the new Freud FT 1000E

REUD have never had lots of power tools in their range, but those they do make have proved popular on grounds of price and specification. There's the biscuit jointer for example, with its low cost and high performance, or the big FT 2000 router with 2000W of power, and fine height adjustment knob ideal for table mounting,

and at a budget price. So when Freud introduce a new smaller router it is definitely worth getting excited about.





▼ Note the Allen keyed locking of the mounting collar for the motor body



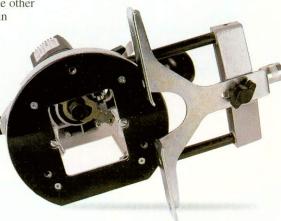


First impressions

The FT 1000E looks suspiciously like other similar machines at first glance, but in fact is a slightly strange hybrid. If I am not mistaken, Freud have taken the base and fence of the big router and grafted a supporting cradle plus motor body onto it, thereby saving some cost and design work.

Thus is borne a router with more power than the average lightweight model, with a 1000W sitting easily atop a rather substantial base. It doesn't







▲ The standard trimming base, but no roller follower to match

seem unduly cumbersome, though it's a little heavy when you pick it up. Its wide, heavy base means it'll never blow over in a high wind!

Consequently it has very punchy plunge return springing, with a shaped cast alloy lock lever and a massively unrealistic cutter-opening in the base. The FT 1000E therefore accepts all the big machine's guidebushes and also has the same clear plastic chip guard, three-stage depth setting turret and dustspout.

The scalloped handgrips are comfortable save for a ridge of plastic on each which just needs scraping off. An opportunity to fit a more sophisticated depth stop has been lost, as it has just a simple scaled rod with nothing to prevent it falling out.

There is a small spindle lock button for cutter changing, the collet is a simple loose-fitting type that doesn't need to snap into the collet nut. The on-off switch is a sprung slide type with a snap action, and there is an easily-set speed change thumbwheel on top of the motor casing.

The added value in this case is the two optional trimming bases that are supplied along with the very tough blow-moulded carrying case. One has lockable fine height adjustment and the other, while offering fine height adjustment by turning a toothhead gear using a screwdriver, has the primary advantage of tilting for angled work, such as applying a bevel using a straight cutter.

The former is shown in the manual with a small roller guide fitted under it, the holes exist to attach it but it isn't supplied in the kit. This would allow accurate working around a shaped workpiece.

On test

Not the smoothest of motors. The bearings may not be precision enough, or the motor may need better balancing for smooth running at high speed. It has plenty of power, but a little more would take it into the 'super router' league with the DeWalt DW621, although it lacks that degree of sophistication.

Certainly very stable, it is quite heavy for some lightweight operations that need less mass to move around, especially with such a heavy fence attached. When the motor is transplanted to the trimmer bases it is a bit top heavy and less stable. It is quite difficult freeing or inserting it into each base, and the collet nut fouls the spindle lock on the router base proper.

Conclusion

A picture in the manual shows the same machine labelled

Specifications

Freud FT 1000 E Motor input No-load speed Collet size Weight List price

1000W 20,000 – 30,000rpm ¼in 1.45kg £205.62 inc VAT 'Casals', so I think we can take it that they have produced the motor. Not the best, but still a very usable machine. Overall though, I think this is a confused router, being neither small or big, but both at the same time.

In a market full of routers, a number of which are quite sophisticated, this Freud machine faces a bit of an uphill struggle. More care and money in the design and manufacture would have paid off. However, at the price, it does put useful power at your fingertips.

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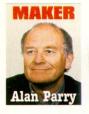
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Router Project



Great gate

Alan Parry

gets going in the garden to build a sturdy gate

WAS recently asked by a friend to replace a gate and fence which had fallen into serious disrepair. He wanted a stout, strong gate which would have the same look and texture as the proposed fence panels. With this in mind I decided to use timber with a sawn finish.

Gate design

The basic design of the gate is rectangular, with three rails tenoned into the stiles and infilled with vertical rebated boards. So that the boards can finish flush with the stiles, the bottom and middle rails are thinner than the top one. To improve security the boards are also rebated into the stiles and top rail.

Whilst the gate is no great piece of joinery, it has to be made well to give a long and trouble-free life in all weather conditions, with the minimum of maintenance.

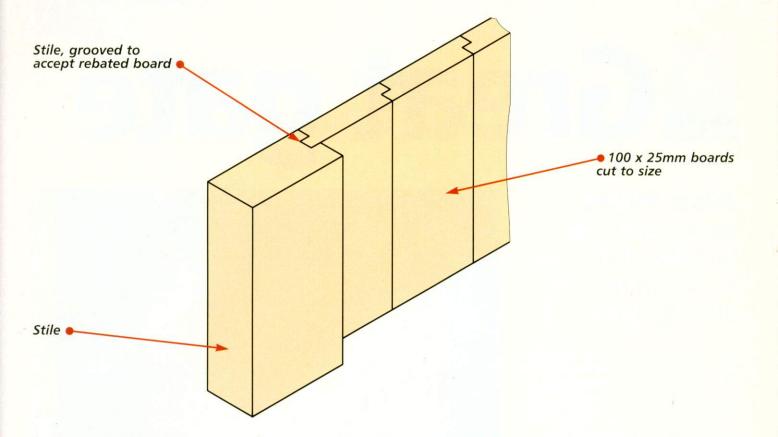
Making the stiles

Cut the stiles to length and round off the top ends by sawing away most of the waste. Finish to the line with a belt sander. Next, mark out the position of the mortices and bore them out with the router and a two-flute cutter.

There are two ways to bore deep mortices. One way is to cut from each side of the stile towards the centre, the other is to use a long shank cutter. If you decide to use the long shank method it is essential to take shallow passes to prevent it breaking.

When the mortices are complete, secure the stiles one at a time in a vice, and mark the position of the groove that will accept the rebated boarding. Set up the router with a 12mm diameter plunge cutter with two fences as a guide. Cut out the groove in several passes to a depth of 12mm. Use the same technique to cut out the top rail.





Rebating the boards

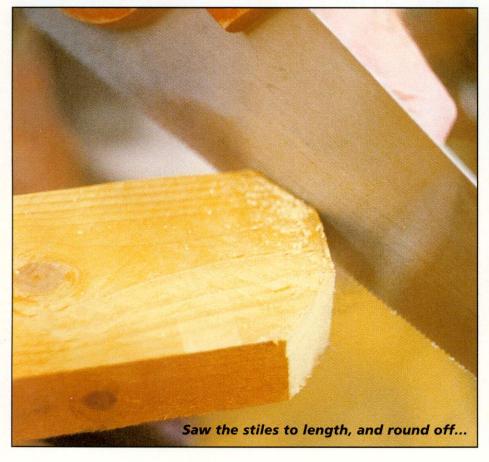
This is quite a straightforward operation.
Set the depth stop to 10mm, and using two fences to keep the router on track, cut one rebate along one front long edge, and

diagonally opposite the rear edge. Then rebate the top back-edge of each board.

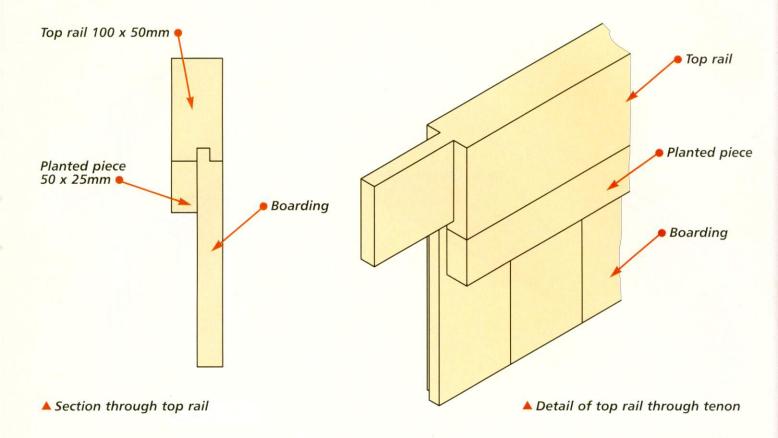
Cutting railsCut the three rails to size, taking care that

the thickness of the middle and bottom rails are the same. Mark out and cut the top rail through-tenon and bare face tenons using the router inverted in a table.

If a table is not available the tenons can





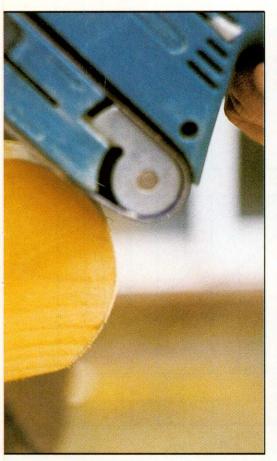


be cut with a saw. Cut the planted piece to match the shoulder-to-shoulder width of the top rail. The tenons need to be rounded over with a sharp chisel in order to fit the rounded end mortices.

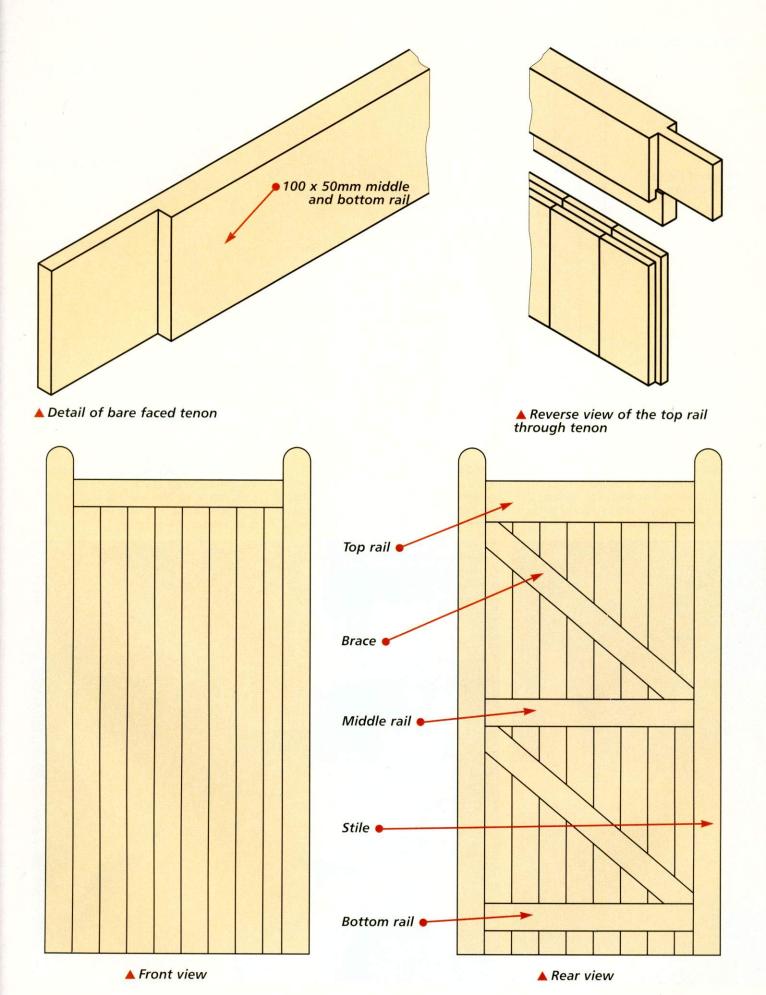


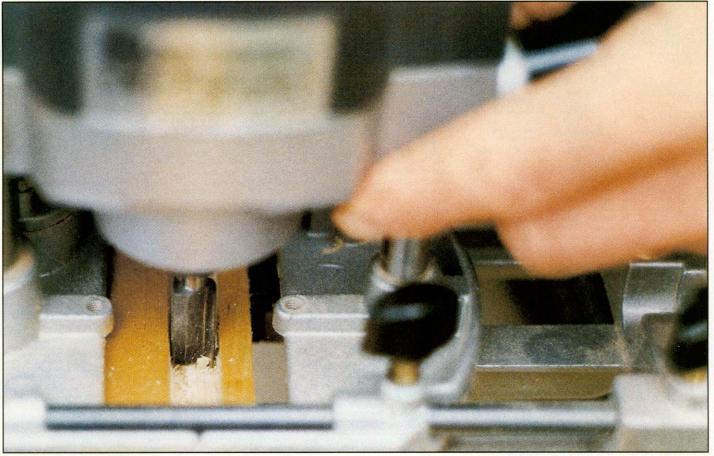
When all the parts have been made, dry assemble them to ensure a good fit. Make any necessary adjustments. The last rebated board might need slight width adjustment,

and needs to be slid in from the bottom, whereas the other can be pushed into place sideways. The adhesive must be a waterproof one, such as epoxy resin, polyurethane or Cascamite.









▲ Routing the groove for the rebated boarding

Polyurethane adhesive has the advantage of being able to glue damp wood. On curing, polyurethane foams, which means it must remain cramped until it has set. If it is not cramped it will push the joints apart. However, because it foams, it has excellent gap-filling properties, ideal if your joints aren't always tight!

Apply the adhesive to the tenons, then assemble, cramp and leave to dry. When the frame can be handled, fit the rebated

boards in place and secure with galvanised nails. Lastly, cut the braces and nail them in place. The braces are needed to prevent the gate sagging and going out of square.

Reinforce each tenon with a couple of hardwood or steel star dowels for added strength. The router can be used to drill holes for the hardwood type. Fit some abrasive paper to the end to stop it slipping about, and fit a long straight cutter. Trim the bottom of the gate if the boards are not quite even, using a router and a straight edge.

Hanging the gate

The gate is heavy and had to be hung on three stout T-hinges screwed to a post set in concrete. The final job was to fit a slamming post to the wall, two slide bolts and a Suffolk latch. My next job is to start on the fence...

Cut a rebate along the long front edge



▼ Polyurethane foams as it cures



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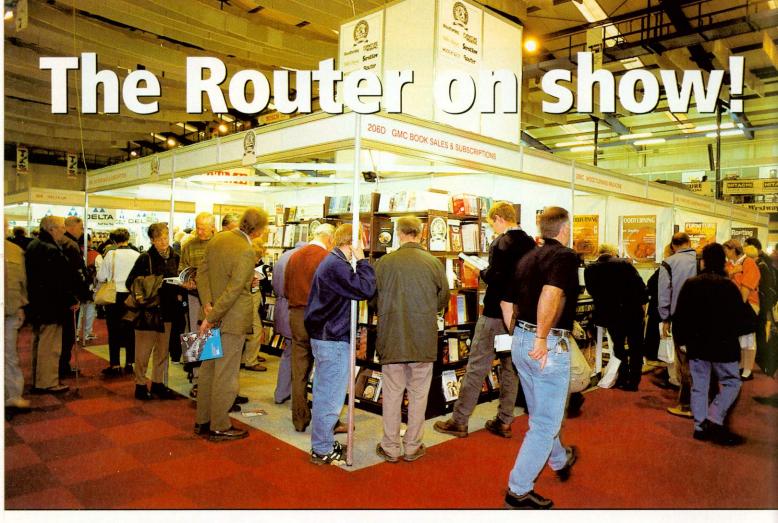








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November saw your favourite magazine at the Axminster Tool & Machinery Exhibition in Shepton Mallett – and thousands of readers came to see us! Here's why...

OR most of us, there can only be one reason for being in Shepton Mallett in November, and that is to visit the Axminster Tool & Machinery Exhibition. 1999 saw this hugely popular show's third year at the Royal Bath and West Showground, and everyone – visitors, competitors and exhibitors – agreed that it was the best yet.

Superstuff

Now, we all like to look at routers and other woodworking stuff, but even hardened stuff-men like Managing Editor Paul Richardson, and Editor of our sister magazine Furniture & Cabinetmaking Colin Eden-Eadon, came close to overload when faced with the hundreds of stands showing everything from router cutters to near-industrial woodworking machines.

Next door to *The Router*'s own stand were Trend, exhibiting their full range of routers, cutters, router tables and other routing gear, and just round the corner American visitors Jesada had a huge display of their crisp white cutters. Axminster Power Tools brought along their new 'Perform' cutters, and Freud's stand featured both their tooling and power tools.





The Router No 22



▲ Sean Casey is presented with Best Use of the Router award in the Professional category by APTC MD Ian Styles...

...for this splendid walnut chest of drawers

In fact, just about every power tool, cutter and accessory available in the UK could be seen at the show – the last time we saw so many in one place was in ex-Editor Alan Goodsell's workshop!

Tradition

All aspects of woodworking were represented, though, including traditional and not-so-traditional hand tools (they're the ones without plugs, by the way). Even visitors with no intention of swopping their routers for chisels were fascinated by a demonstration of traditional Japanese joinery skills, for example, and *Furniture & Cabinetmaking* author David Charlesworth showed off his impressive sharpening techniques to an admiring throng.

Take a stand

Our own stand was manned by *The Router*'s photographer Anthony Bailey and contributor

Bill Cain, who spent four days talking routers with the thousands of readers who came along to see us. Most popular subjects? Simple jigs, simple projects using affordable materials such as pine, more detailed plans and, especially, build-your own-router table projects – many visitors said that commercially available tables are too expensive, small and sometimes flimsy.

OK, you won't have to tell us twice – watch out for these subjects in future issues.

Next door was Furniture & Cabinetmaking's stand, manned by Colin Eden-Eadon and (occasionally) Paul Richardson. Other GMC magazines Woodturning, Woodcarving, The Scrollsaw and The Dolls' House Magazine also drew crowds of readers.

Competition

In many ways the big deal for us at Shepton Mallett is the annual furniture-making

competition, organised by *Furniture & Cabinetmaking* magazine.

This event, launched three years ago at the first Shepton Mallett show, has taken everybody by surprise with the speed at which it has grown – in 1998 it was described by some as one of the largest competitions of its type in the world, and this years' was even bigger!

The Router makes three awards of its own in the competition, to those entries which show the best use of a router in their construction. This year's winners were: Sean Casey in the Professional category, for his walnut chest of drawers on stand, featuring a cunning routed handle detail; Marcus Mindlesohn in the Student category, for his over-the-top tool case with routed depressions; and A. Grazier for his octagonal library table in cherry.

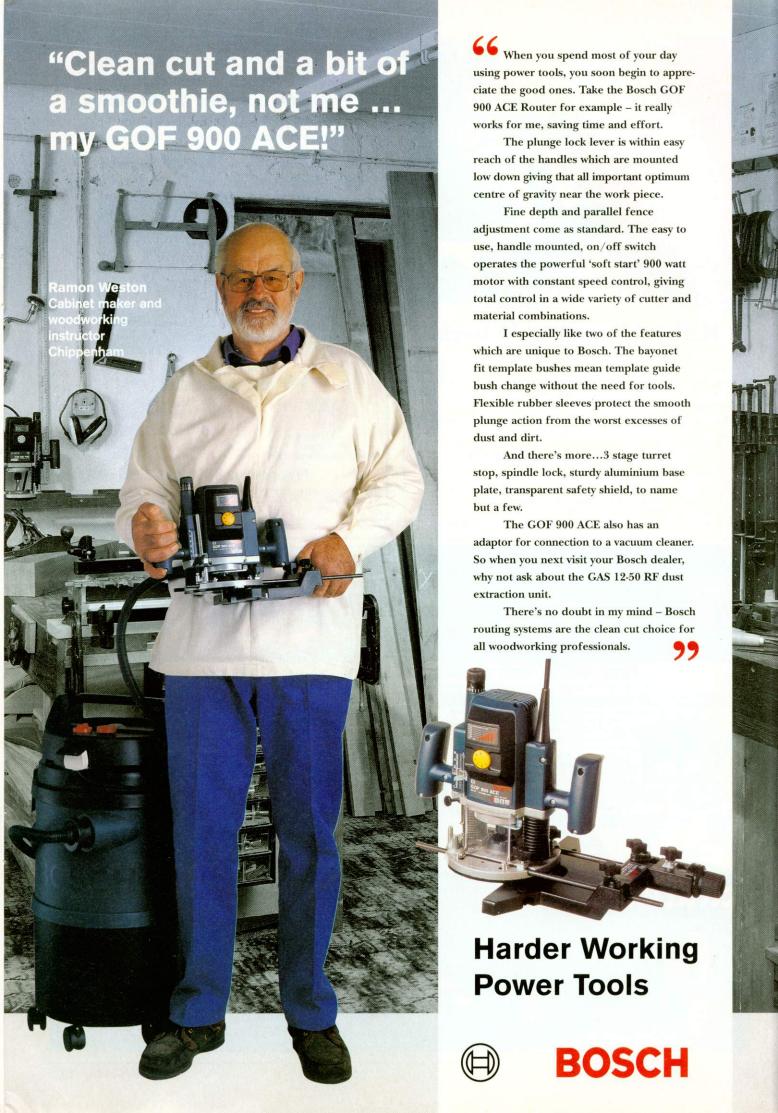
Each of these lucky winners received a Trend T9 router and a DJ300 dovetail jig. •



◀ Marcus Mindlesohn's over-the-top tool case took the The Router award in the Student category

▶ A. Grazier won the Amateur Use of Router award for this library table







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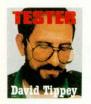
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Router



Jig master

David Tippey

tests a master template device for making dovetail jigs

HERE is a good range of commercial dovetail routing jigs available, with prices starting around £60 and climbing sky-wards. Generally speaking, the prices rise as they become more versatile.

But even £60 is quite a lot of money (or cutters) if you only want to produce dovetails occasionally, so it is tempting to dismiss this attractive and strong joint in favour of something cruder and simpler. However, with a versatile jig at the right price, this need not be the case.

Making jigs

I love making jigs, but dovetail and finger-joint jigs are a bit of a problem, as you can't really make a homemade jig without an accurate master template, which means either buying or borrowing an existing jig first.

The American manufactured, Make IT Right Dovetail Template Master, is an answer to this jigmaking problem. It provides you with an accurate master template, and a clear set of instructions on how to create 1 to 2in, single or mixed-pitch dovetail

▲ The kit as supplied, including the Perform cutters

jigs, or finger-jointing jigs of any length.

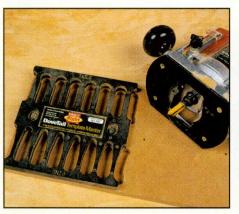
This means that you can easily create custom jigs for specific jobs, and you don't have to worry about damaging the jig. Replacement combs for commercial jigs are expensive to buy, but with this jig you can just make replacement working templates yourself for a few pence each.

One side of the jig is used with a bearing-guided dovetail cutter to form the tails, the other side with a bearing-guided straight cutter to form the pins. The set comes with full instructions, including making half-blind dovetails, variable-spaced dovetails, box or finger joints and hinged joints.

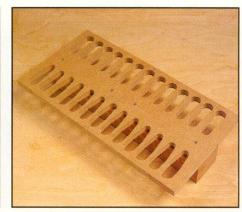
One half of the jig copy completed



▼ The jig copy screwed to a board









▲ Making a copy jig overhand, predrilled entry holes are needed here



▲ The pins machined...



▲ ...and cutting the tails

The master is accurately moulded in glassfilled engineering plastic. Providing that you allow the cutter to stop between router operations so you don't damage it, it should last a lifetime. If you register its purchase with the manufacturer, they will replace it at half the original cost, just in case.

"The jig was easily repaired with car body filler"

On test

It is very simple to use. The master is screwed to a pre-cut blank of suitable material, good quality multi-ply or MDF are probably best. A top mounted bearing-guided cutter is then used to create a replica working template from the jig blank. The set from Axminster comes with a suitable cutter which can be used to make the jigs and form the pins.

You'll need several of these working jigs. You need two for a 12in jig, and while you are at it you might as well make some spares. You could, as I did, use a slightly different method and 'index' the master jig, to create a single long template instead of the six finger sections.

The one drawback with this method is that if you damage it with a router cutter you have to scrap the whole jig rather than being able to replace just the damaged section. I managed to damage the master slightly, when the collar retaining the shank-mounted bearing lost its grub screw.

I should have checked it first, but after replacing it, I made sure it was unlikely to happen again by locking the screw with a drop of paint. The jig was easily repaired with car body filler, as the damage was only slight.

In use

I also decided it was easier to rout the working jigs on the router table than with a handheld machine, and used a ½in cutter with a front-mounted bearing, as I prefer to work with the template on top of the work.

I used ½in MDF for the jig. If you wanted to make a really hard-wearing one, get hold of some Tufnol or similar sheet, which would also probably allow you to make the jig with the fingers open at the front, similar to commercial jigs of this style.

The working templates are then aligned and screwed to a suitably sized backboard and the jig is complete. The workpiece is aligned with the jig and clamped to the backboard, before being secured in a vice for routing. You could create a more complex jig with adjustable stops and built-in clamps, but it's not actually necessary.

My only complaint with jigs made with the system, is the 'closed end design', which is likely to lead to early damage, when you get too impatient to wait for the router to stop between cuts. Replacement working templates are cheap enough to throw away when made of MDF, so it probably won't be too much of a problem for occasional use, but I think I shall get a piece of the much stronger Tufnol material and try making an open comb version, more like the commercial Keller dovetail jig.

The Dovetail Template Master costs £19.95 inc VAT, and is available from Axminster Power Tool Centre, Chard Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5DZ. Tel 01297 33656, e-mail: sales@perform-tools.co.uk

▼ The completed dovetail joint – a perfect fit first time



Anthony's addendum

I made a copy jig twice the width of the Dovetail Master, and found that when making the second half of the jig it was important not to machine very far away from the end, so that the holes in the middle weren't wider than they should be.

It is safer to overlap the first set of jig holes and avoid my basic error – I didn't have the manual for guidance! Another point is to clamp the jig on firmly. If you only use screws with the cutter working to full depth, in one pass it can kick the jig out of position, as I discovered.

Once the copy jig is mounted on a wide strip of wood of the correct width, every thing suddenly

Once the copy jig is mounted on a wide strip of wood of the correct width, every thing suddenly becomes very easy. I did both the pin and the tail cuts in quick succession, clamping a thin piece of board over the workpiece to prevent any breakout, and the joint was done. It fitted together perfectly first time!

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On the rack



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I decided to make the rack in oak, a relatively heavy wood, which would match the rest of the furniture in the cottage. The plainness of the design is brightened up by a decorative pattern incised on the front using a Dremel tool.

"The top of the centre section was shaped to rest on the top edges of the sides"

Construction

I chose to use well-seasoned brown oak for the front, back, sides and middle sections, with 4mm plywood for the base. The oak had a strongly-coloured grain





▲ Cutting the sockets on the front piece...



▲ ...and cutting the tails in the side piece

pattern, and I spent some time working out how best to make use of the natural figuration. Also, the wood for the sides was chosen so that the grain ran horizontally, to ensure that the tails of the dovetails would have maximum strength.

I cut the dovetails by hand, not on a jig, as they are decorative as well as structurally necessary. I found that this made it easier to adjust the spacing to best effect, rather than by using a standard jig.

The front, middle and back sections were made up from narrower boards biscuit-jointed together, glued and cramped. The sections were cut roughly to size, then the curved top edges of the front and back, sides and middle were marked out, then cut, using a bandsaw.

The bottom edges of the front and back were cut by firstly using a 1½in flat drill bit in the corners, then finished on the bandsaw. This was easier than trying to cut a tighter inner curve with the bandsaw alone, even with a narrow blade.

The handhold at the top of the back piece was cut by first drilling out the ends of the hole, then finishing with the jigsaw.

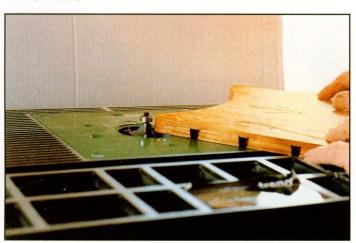


▲ Groove cut in the side piece to take the divider

Grooves to take the plywood base and the centre section were cut in the back,

front and side pieces, using straight cutters of suitable sizes. I used lapped dovetails to

▼ Rounding the top edges of the front piece on the router table



▼ Template for the circular parts of the pattern





▲ The template in place to guide the Dremel through the scroll pattern



Cutting the incised circles



▲ Part of the decoration cut on the front piece

attach the sides to the front and back, the sockets being on the front and back pieces.

The top of the centre section was shaped to rest on the top edges of the sides, and line up with the outer surface of the sides. The top edges and the edges of the handhold were rounded with a rounding-over cutter on the router table.

Front section

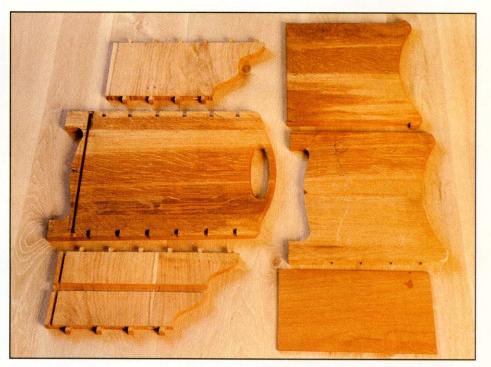
The design for the incised decoration on the front piece was drawn out on paper first, and when the final pattern was chosen, marked out on the front section using carbon paper. I made plywood templates to guide the Dremel tool, which was fitted with a Dremel No. 191 cutter, and the cutter-guide usually used for tile cutting.

The guide is adjustable to limit the depth of cut. Some trial cuts were done first on scrap wood, to find the best way to present the tool, and the right speed at which to attack the wood.

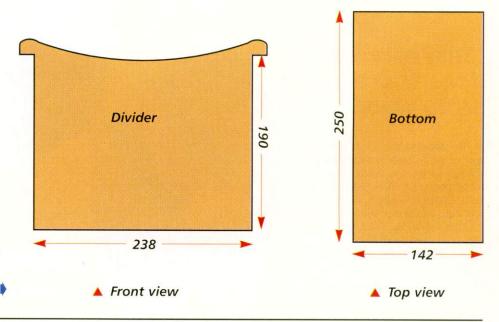
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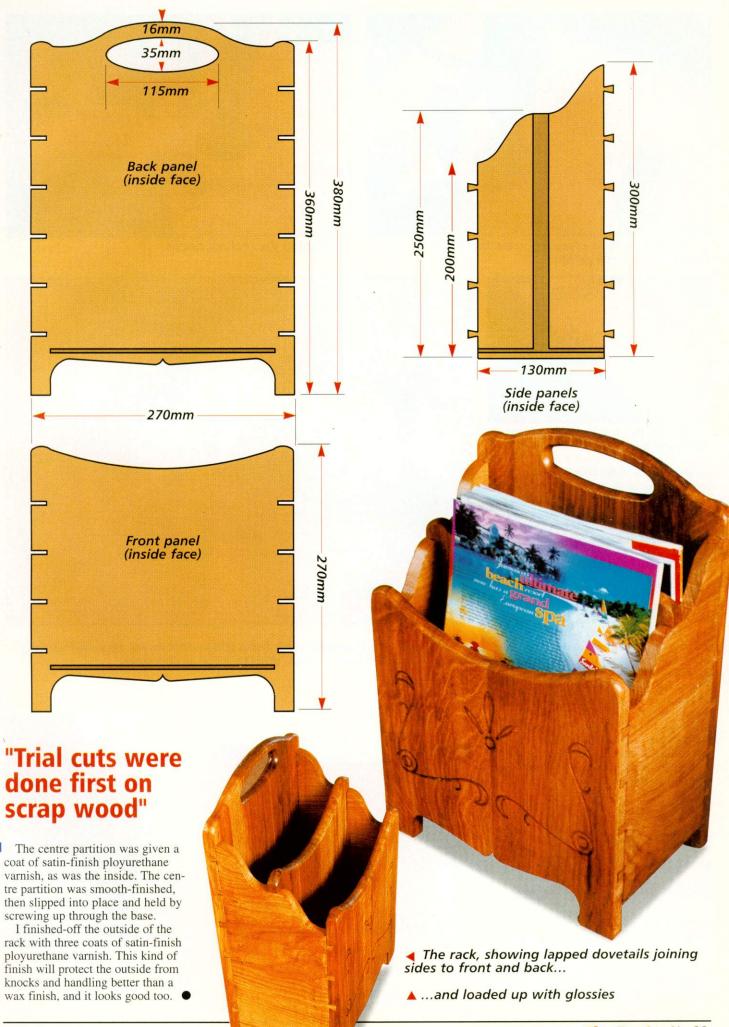
Assembly

I rubbed down the front, back and sides with successive grades of abrasive paper, to a smooth finish, then assembled the rack with the base in place, glued and cramped, checking for squareness.



▲ The rack components; with front piece decorated, dovetail sockets in the front and back pieces, dovetails cut in the sides





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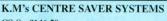
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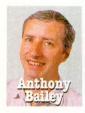
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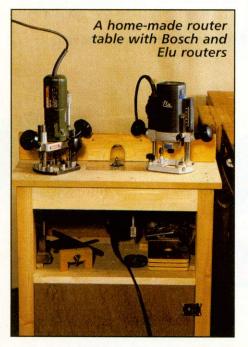
OB WEARING is one of *The Router*'s staunchest contributors, with his fascinating series covering all kinds of simple jigs which extend the range

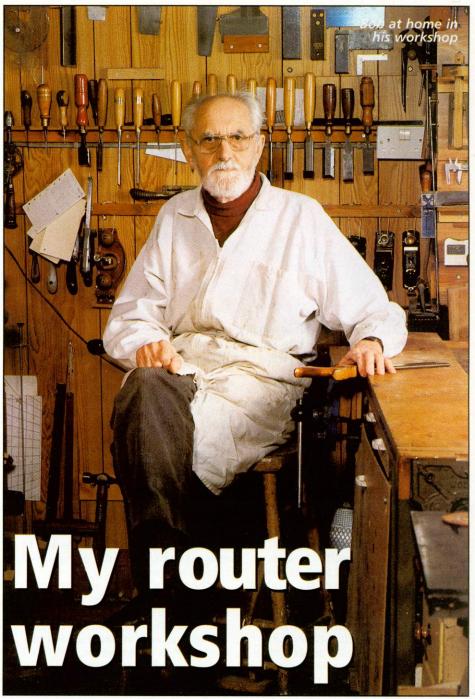
and precision of routers. It seemed only right that we should ask Bob to enter the spotlight of *My Router Workshop* – to find out makes him tick!

College days

Bob went to school just before World War II, which he then went through as a soldier in the old Indian Army of the British Raj. "Like so many who found themselves demobbed after the war, I was faced with the difficulty of finding myself a career. I wasn't entitled to a grant as my education hadn't been interrupted by the War, so I spoke to my old headmaster, who after studying my school records (in which I had shone at woodworking), his brief and succinct answer was – go to Loughborough College, nowhere else – they'll make a craftsman of you".

"That was one of life's turning points. I made a test piece in the garden shed with what tools I happened to have, and took it with me for the interview. In spite of enormous competition, I was in! Joining





scores of ex-servicemen, ranging from a brigadier to modest aircraftsmen".

It was the right place, at the right time and with the right people. There was Edward Barnsley, the century's outstanding designer, Cecil Cough the master craftsman, and Ockenden, the organiser who made it all run so easily.

Master classes

After an extra diploma year, Bob was invited to set up workshops at Wrekin College in Shropshire, a middle-grade public school, then fully boarding. The hours were long, a 56 hour week plus what he took home, but there were compensations.

"There was no local authority breathing down my neck and telling me what I couldn't do. There was generous funding, with occasional extras for projects if I could make a good case. Above all there were very supportive parents prepared to foot the bill for quality timber!"

As well as teaching O and A levels, the workshops were open whenever there was leisure time in the afternoons. This meant that really keen pupils could sometimes clock up 10 hours a week. "Living on the spot meant that I had the use of a large well-equipped workshop throughout the holidays. So much space has tended to make me very untidy, which I struggle to overcome in my own workshop".

On leaving Wrekin, Bob was invited to the Fine Furniture Course run by John Price, another Loughborough man, at the School of Art in Shrewsbury. This was fascinating though demanding work which continued until John's retirement, when teaching ended. For some years previously Bob had run the Woodturning course in Leeds and York at the College of Craft



▲ Overhead routing with the small Bosch router in an old Wolf drill stand. Note the adjustable fence with chip extraction

Education's Summer School. This was a two week residential course so quite a lot could be achieved.

"So much space has tended to make me very untidy"

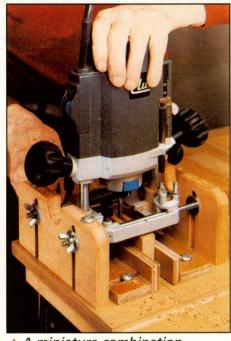
Workshop in Wem

"Before I retired I gave up my college house and bought two small 1790 town houses in the small market town of Wem". An immense amount of work was involved in joining these together and making them safe, efficient and comfortable, while living in them at the same time. Across a narrow yard were two brick built outside toilets and wash-houses. These knocked together to make a long narrow workshop, very

comfortable for a one-man workshop.

Woodwork has two thirds of the space and metalwork, including its lathe, one third. An assembly area struggles hard to exist, without much success. Water is laid on and heating is by balanced flue gas. Calor gas bottles for forging and brazing live outside, only coming in when needed. The building itself is a brick lean-to, quite high at the back, giving good timber storage space. A ring main gives plenty of power points and the workshop has its own isolator switch. Bob changed the door to open outwards, giving that bit more working space – a useful tip.

"The roof is insulated and the windows double-glazed. This makes it very snug and limits the noise too. The shop is too narrow to take a man-size dust extractor and me. I recently replaced a burnt-out machine with the Axminster WV10O. I find this excellent value and very effec-



▲ A miniature combination machine in set up for morticing

tive. I also have a Microclean 400 air filter which does keep the air clean, and runs from a time switch".

The house provides a study and a studio/darkroom and there are two good ironmonger/tool shops just moments away.

"I have always done more teaching of woodwork than making. Most of my domestic furniture has come from my workshop. The proportions of the shop preclude large machinery and this is one reason why I have never considered a combination machine". The machines are individual and small, though all are quite adequate for cabinet work.

Bob has an 8in sawbench – "I wish it was a lOin" – a very useful l2in disc sander, with dust extraction which he constructed, a Eumenia radial arm saw, "a grand little machine" which is kept solely for crosscutting and dimension sawing.

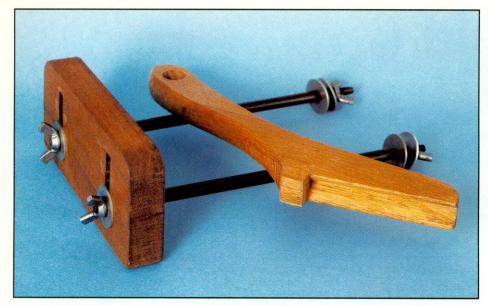
"A small Record bandsaw came to me

▼ Examples of Bob's ingenuity, including sub-bases for angled routing

Sub-bases and fences for repetition grooving



The Router No 22



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Routers

An original blue Bosch POF router is mounted in a wheel-out cabinet. It hangs from an aluminium plate let in flush with an MDF top, in spite of its age it still delivers. Another Bosch POF is occasionally mounted as an overhead router in an old heavy Wolf drill stand. It is sometimes useful to see the work actually going on.

There is also an Elu 96E and innumerable jigs. Bob, like most of our other victims in the spotlight, doesn't have lots of routers, which should give plenty of comfort to

▼ The foot switch, depth gauge and depth adjuster – the locking nut is essential

unexpectedly. I find this quite handy; it does all the shaped work which I need. The Record lathe is newish and mounted on my own iron stand, bolted to both floor and wall, so it is steady as a rock".

The Elu 8in planer/thicknesser has served Bob well, without a hitch since the day he bought it. Its slot-morticing attachment has hardly ever been used, the Multico morticer being far better for cabinetmaking and no trouble at all. "An old pre-war hand-cranked drilling machine is fitted permanently for countersinking" says Bob. "This is a very useful idea, so if you see one at a car boot sale or the like, snap it up".

"I have always done more teaching of woodwork than making"





many readers who might feel underequipped in this area. What is self evident is that Bob manages to do a lot with the few routers he has, and to make this point we move swiftly on to Bob Wearing's jigs.

Jigs

Anyone reading Bob's articles in *The Router* knows just how clever and prolific his inventive mind really is. From the 'Bob Wearing levelling foot' to the the more sophisticated 'Mini Combination Machine', he has thought of just about every device you can make and fit to the average small router.

"The combination machine does morticing, but it will also thickness, rebate and do grooving and moulding. It just needs a little care and ingenuity and you come up with the miniature version of a full size machine!"

◆Ear defenders, a ¼in locating point, and two ¼in milling cutters, good for cutting deep mortices



▲ A variety of cutters, including straight, dovetail and bearing-guided cutters. The alloy guidebushes are an older Bosch pattern

Another Bob favourite is the overhead router. Simple refinements to the homemade bed allow easy fence adjustment and the use of ash spring fingers, again fully adjustable, make routing easy and safe with chatter-free cutting.

Gadgets

"I don't own lots of ready-made gadgets, though there are a number of things, including safety aids, which your readers might find interesting. For example, the Emtec 'Noisebreakers'. These superb ear defenders are inconspicuous and let me clearly hear the phone, while giving protection against damaging noises – shooters use them".

"The Vanguard Routing Rods which I have mentioned before in the magazine have a hundred uses because, unlike conventional rods, they take washers and butterfly nuts at each end, allowing the fixing-on of levelling feet, ski's and fences. The V-groove push stick allows safe machining, with the 'V' pushing against the corner of a workpiece, eliminating the need for a second pushstick. I wouldn't be without the foot switch, it leaves both my hands free to control the work".

The router setting depth gauge gives precise cutter settings in the table, whilst the depth adjuster is very useful for table work too.

Cutters

"I have all the usual standard cutters that anyone would own" says Bob. "However as I do quite bit of morticing I find ¼in engineers' milling cutters very effective, because they permit deeper cutting than standard router cutters. The shank enters the hole once the the fluted section has done its work. I don't have any great need for fancy cutters, apart from anything else I don't have a large router to use them in!"

I asked Bob how long he had been writing for woodworking magazines. "If my memory serves me right it was in the 1950's for *The Woodworker*, when it was under the complete and all–embracing control of the great Charles Hayward. He ran it virtually singled-handed, quite a feat noone has achieved since, and there are all his books on woodworking too, a truly legendary figure who has inspired many people to take up woodworking".

Finally, I wanted to know if there was anything Bob dislikes about woodworking. "Perhaps the only thing is the many editors pressuring me to deliver articles to them all the time!" We would like to say – sorry Bob, you really are much too useful, readers and pupils everywhere have learnt a tremendous amount from you!





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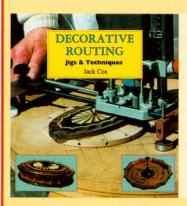


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the groove



Bob Wearing finds there are many ways to rout multiple grooves

HE applications for multiple grooving are both numerous and obvious: housings for shelves, both fixed and adjustable, housings for sliding trays and drawers, glass display shelves, and partitions in storage and filing systems are just a few.

Make sure you read the whole of this article before constructing any of these models, as useful tips are spread throughout to avoid repetition.

Fixed form jig

I shall begin with the simplest, fixed form.

Make a baseplate from ¼in plywood or MDF, bore or rout a central hole and fix to the router base. Most routers have suitable holes which can be used, these are usually threaded M5 or M6. If you lack these, drill two holes and secure with countersunk screws and nuts.

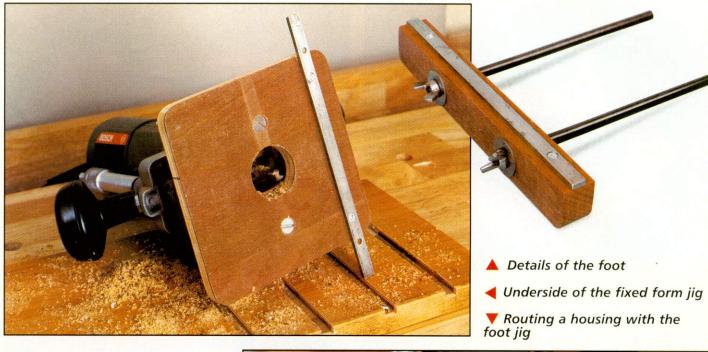
Cramp a fence onto a piece of scrap material, and using the selected cutter, rout a shallow specimen groove. Carefully prepare a thin strip of hardwood to be a sweetly sliding fit in the groove.

Screw this, well countersunk, to the base with the required spacing between

the cutting edge of the router cutter and the strip. To begin it may be necessary to work the first groove from a cramped on fence, without using the jig.

From this point on it is only necessary to run the guide strip in the existing groove. Plunge to the pre-set depth stop and rout the groove or housing. Continue in this leapfrog manner.

Through grooves are easy. Stopped grooves can be achieved either by making an index mark on the edge of the base, or working right through and later gluing on an edging strip.



"Check that the combined router and foot do not rock"

Guide strip

For this model, prepare a thickish foot, stand it and the router on a flat surface and mark the positions of the holes. This can be done easily by clamping two pencils or ballpoint pens in the routers as markers.

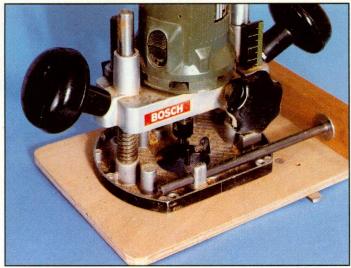
Drill %in holes, fit a pair of Vanguard router rods and assemble the router and fence on a flat surface. Check that all is well and that the combined router and foot do not rock.

Next, produce a hardwood guide strip to suit the pre-cut first groove. Screw it on using countersunk screws and you're done. In some cases a bright metal strip can be found which exactly matches the cutter.

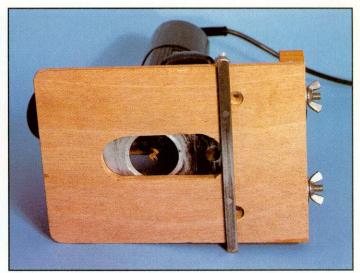
- Working a housing with the simple adjustable jig
- ▼ Foot to fit the housings with router rods







▲ Top view of the more complex adjustable jig...



...and the under view

"There is another way to make an adjustable version"

Adjustable jigs

The final two models are adjustable versions, and I shall begin with the simplest. First make a block similar to the levelling foot described in *TR19*. Gauge and carefully plane it down to thickness until it fits and slides easily in a pre-worked housing.

Either rout two slots to suit the router rods' spacing, or saw them and then glue on a substantial lipping. The common centre distance of 85mm suits the Bosch POF and Elu 96 routers. Make the slots 1/6 in to cover the slight inaccuracy in the slots.

Fit up the router with a pair of router rods and stand the router, with the cutter withdrawn, on the workpiece. Position the foot in the first housing, which will already have been worked, and assemble with the router. Set the router's depth stop then plunge and rout as described earlier.

There is another way to make an adjustable version. Begin by gluing a stout block to a plywood base. Mark the centres of the holes for the rods using the two pencils trick. Drill these oversize to about 1/6 in.

Assemble the router, rods and base, making sure that the router sits well on the base. Draw round the hole in the router's base, draw two parallels to this and cut out a sizable slot. Screw on a slide bar of suitable width.

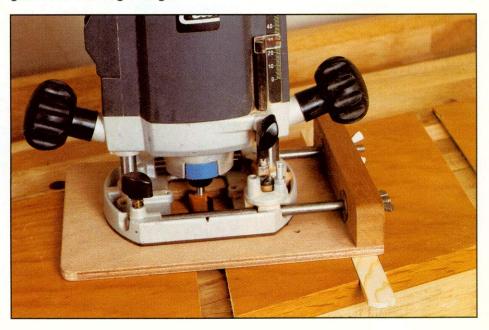
Cut the first housing conventionally, adjust the router along the rods, set the depth slot and rout the housings.

Angled housing present no problems. Using the simple adjustable jig, begin by cutting the first housing using the common cramped-on batten as a fence, then proceed as before. When the angle is considerable, it helps to use a longer guide, so in this instance I find the more complex adjustable jig the most suitable and robust jig for the job..



▲ Working an angled housing with the simple adjustable jig

Angled housings with the complex adjustable jig. Note the longer guide for the larger angle







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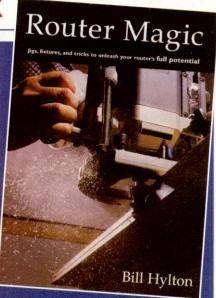
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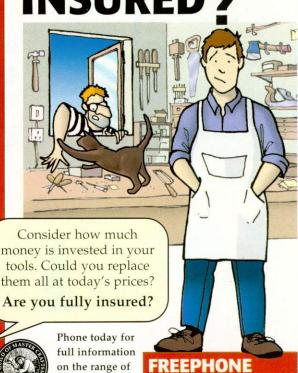


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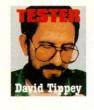
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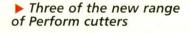
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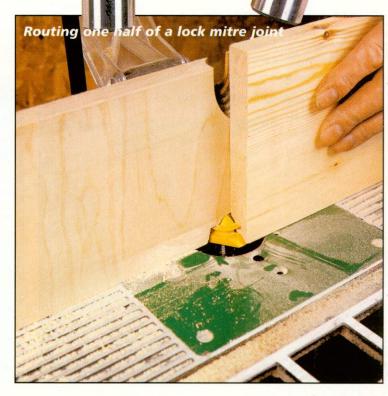
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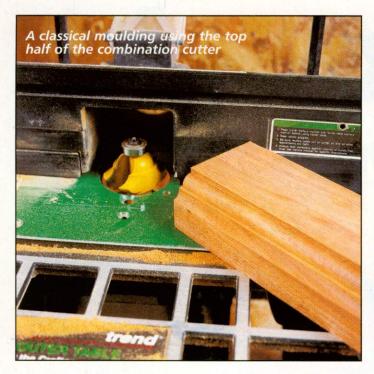
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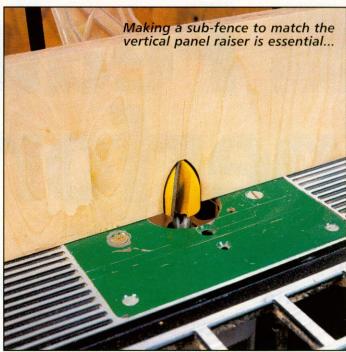
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Watch your fingers when you remove it. I nicked my finger on a sharp carbide corner, so I suggest you wear gloves!

Shanks are made from a high quality, tough grade of steel, hardened and ground, and incorporate a series of useful reference lines indicating how far the cutter is inserted into the collet.

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Extended range

The range of Perform cutters is much larger than Axminster's old Economy range, and you should now find cutters to perform just

"The cutters behaved perfectly and kept their edge"

about any task you wish. Their catalogue includes amongst many new items; dovetail cutters to suit a variety of commercial jigs; vertical panel raising cutters; an interesting sign-making cutter suitable for crisp, free-hand lettering and decorative work. There is also a much larger range of decorative moulding cutters in all sizes.

I used several of these cutters whilst making the oak longcase clock recently featured in the magazine. The lock mitre cutter was used in the case construction and several of the moulding cutters, including a vertical panel raising cutter, were used to create the complex collection of mouldings required for the project. Some of the very large cutters require slower speeds than

available on fixed speed routers and I had to use an external speed control with my table mounted Ryobi, but the cutters behaved perfectly and kept their edge, giving clean well-finished mouldings throughout the project.

A basic 12 piece starter set, supplied in a smart wooden box, costs only £53.96, providing you with a superior product for a similar price to that of many of the Chinese sets being sold.

Further details of Perform cutters are available from Axminster Power Tool Centre, Chard Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5DZ. Tel 01297 33656, e-mail sales@perform-tools.co.uk



Anthony's addendum

The vertical ogee panel raiser makes panel raising in a small table very practical, though a purpose-fitted sub-fence is vital to avoid tearing across the grain. The combination cutter gives a variety of mould positions very quickly, and the lock mitre isn't so big as to be scary to use – though you need to take care that cross-grain passes don't tear the wood out. Very useful for quickly knocking up a set of drawers without complicated setting up.

I enjoyed using these cutters, and the industrial-strength carbide gives a feeling of confidence. On the minus side, the shank metal seems a little soft as slight nibs can occur where the collet may dig-in slightly, these nibs can be filed off though. Also, the snazzy bright yellow finish can get rubbed off a bit after heavy use. Nevertheless a nice range of very usable cutters to consider adding to your collection.

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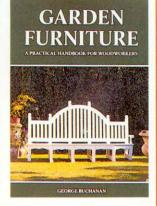
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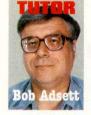
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Router technical



The straight and narrow







Bob Adsett is looks at the many different ways to make straight edge joints

ECENTLY I realised I have been making projects and writing articles using several different edge jointings, without looking closely at the various ways of doing the job.

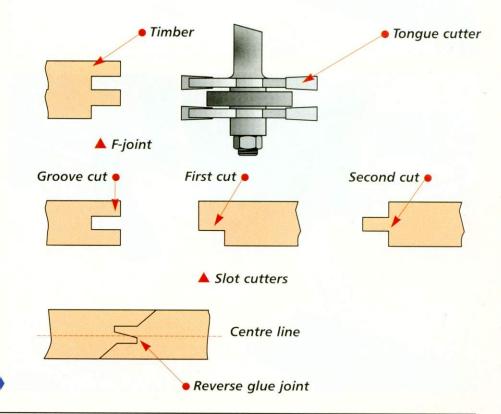
Out of interest, I looked at the types of cutters that can be used for jointing, and was surprised at the amount of cutters that can be used for straight-edge jointing, the different thicknesses that can be joined with the same cutters, and how it is possible to work larger than stated with some router cutters.

Setting up the cutters

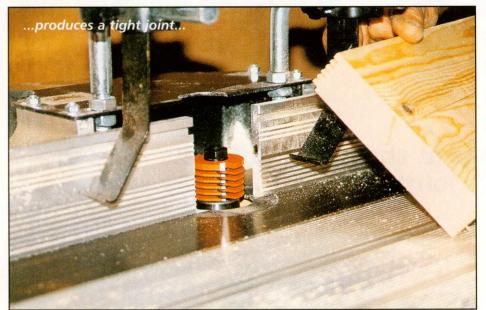
With all cutters it is necessary to set up carefully on pieces of scrap wood. Joints made with cutters fitted with bearings are preset for depth of cut. When using these types of cutters with a fence in a router table, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that the bearings and fences are absolutely in line to get a perfect joint.

Tongue and groove

It is possible to start with either the tongue cutter or the groover. Whichever is used first, adjust vertically until either the tongue or groove are as close to the centre as possible. In all cases always work with the face of the timber down onto the router table. ▲ Just a few of the jointing cutters available









"Ensure the bearings and fences are absolutely in line"

When all of one edge is machined, change cutters and align the other cutter so that the matching part of the joint meets up exactly. Any unevenness will require a fine adjustment of the cutter, up or down accordingly.

To produce the F-joint only the tongue cutter is used. This allows an extra 6mm in thickness of timber to be used. Vertical adjustment is needed until both faces align to give a clean joint.

The wing slot cutter set can be used by mixing the combination of different sized blades to get a variation of tongues and grooves. Using the smallest, 3.2mm groover, will allow tongue and groove on 9mm thick timber with ease.

"Cut the groove first and then the tongue from both sides"

Slot and rebate cutters

These range in size from 1.6mm to 6.35mm and again will allow a range of different size tongue and groove cuts from about 4.5mm upwards. It is probably best to cut the groove first and then the tongue from both sides, one side at a time. This allows any fine alignment required to get a good fit.

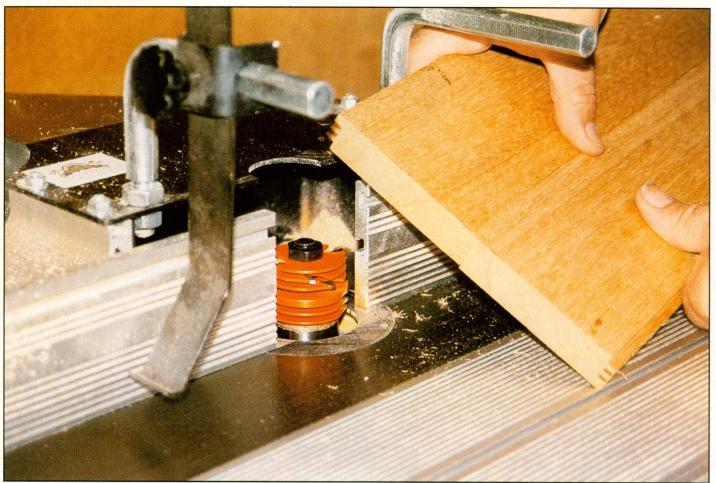
Rebate cutters are limited to use on larger thickness timber only, and are used the same way as the slot cutters.

I have used the reverse glue joint cutter previously in the construction of raised and fielded panels. It is important that the centre of the middle sloping tongue face is dead centre.

Finger joint cutter

Here the depth of cut is controlled by a bearing. The diameter of the bearing cannot be changed, as this controls the accuracy of the joint in conjunction with the spacing shims between each cutter. It is possible to work with one tapered cutter and the square cutter and bearing, or any number up to the full cutter size.

"To produce the F-joint only the tongue cutter is used"



▲ Using two cutter blades and a square blade with the comb joint cutter ▼ A reverse glue joint and cutter, blended with a raised and fielded cutter



The Router No 22 61

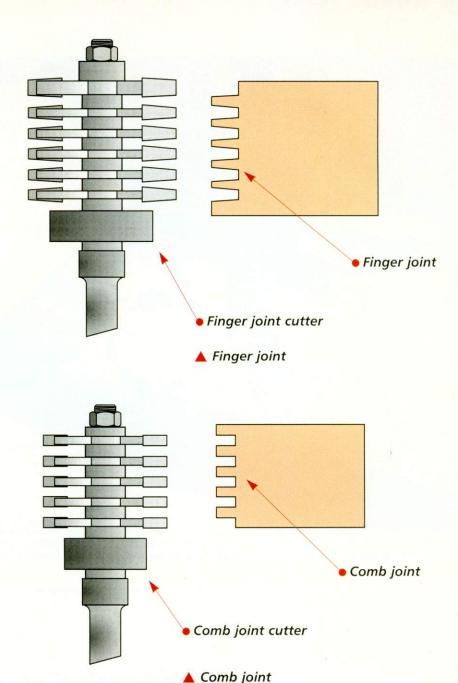
"To show the possible ways to joint edges I have used CMT cutters, but there are plenty of other makes which will do the same job equally well"

Lock mitre cutters can be also be used for straight joints as well as corner joints. Setting up is fairly simple. The centre of the sloping tongue face must be at the centre of the timber edge. Cut two pieces and reverse one on the other and move the cutter up or down as required to get an even fit.

The comb joint cutters are similar to the finger joint cutters, but have square blades. They are also run with a bearing and can be used with two blades or any combination up to the full amount.

The use of the rail and stile cutters to make edge joints, even though it will work, is probably a little too elaborate. However, if no other cutters are available, then it is a possible solution to a problem.

To show the possible ways to joint edges I have used CMT cutters, but there are plenty of other makes which will do the same job equally well. Whichever type you use, a little thought can often solve jointing problems without having to buy new cutters.



Cutter list

Cutter type	Ref No.	Max size of timber that can be jointed
Tongue and groove set	800-626	19mm or producing a double F-edge 25mm
3 Wing slot cutter set	800-506	27mm or double cut on tongue 54mm
Slot cutters	822-316	With any variations of slotting discs making double cut for tongue up to 19mm
Rebate cutters	835-817	38mm. All of these cutting the tongue in 2 passes,
		one either side
	835-850	38mm
	835-851	57mm
Rebating sets	835-501	38mm, cutting tongue in two passes, one either side
	835-502	57mm, cutting tongue in two passes, one either side.
		Using the different sizes of bearings will give a variety of
		depth of cut options
Reverse glue joint cutting	855-501	32mm
Finger joint cutter	800-606	36mm
Lock mitre cutter	855-503	31mm
Lock militie cutter	855-504	22mm
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Comb joint cutter	800-616	40mm

For elaborate shaped joints it is also possible to use the rail and stile cutters, both the one piece cutter and the two piece sets can cope with timber up to 22mm.

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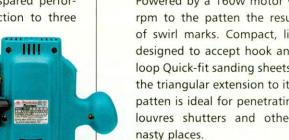
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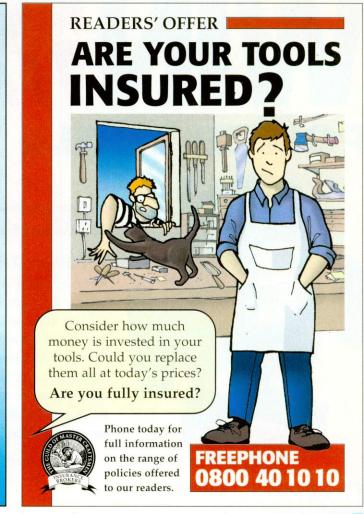
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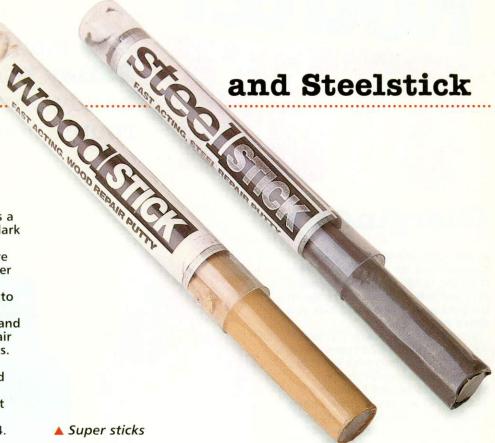
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Disc world

Terry Lawrence gets creative and routs a box replica of the island of St. Michel

OST of you will have seen a photo of the island of St. Michel, which lies on the coast of Brittany, between Avranches and St Malo. The silhouette is like a flattened pyramid, the upper regions fortified with bastion walls, with the Abbey church on top. I loved the shapes, and this 11 compartment box is designed to suggest, not copy, the little island.

The box comprises of three wooden discs, topped by a simplified cruciform church. The slopes of the island are suggested by curved fillets of contrasting wood; the bastions by applied veneer archwork; and the irregularities of the island's volume by steps in alternate quadrants of the base and centre discs.



▲ Using the Trend pivot frame jig to plane the base disc flat

Preparing discs

My padauk plank had wind and warp, so I had to flatten the discs cut from it, using the Trend pivot frame jig in ski mode. Photo 1 shows the simple set-up; two battens pinned to the worktop, and a couple

Tooling up

- Trend T5 router, ¼in collet
- Trend pivot frame jig (to surface the discs if warped)
- 20mm guidebush
- ¾in straight cutter
- 1%in rebating cutter, with 1%in guide bearing

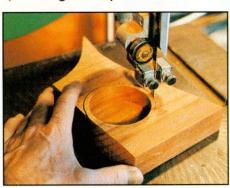


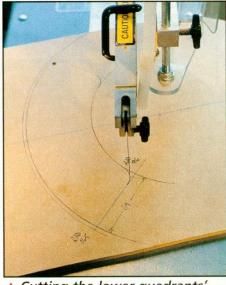
▲ Routing the interior of the top section using a guidebush

of pieces of scrap fore and aft of the workpiece.

Fit a 1in straight cutter and a select a speed below maximum, (No. 4, 23,500rpm). With the workpiece between its chocks, convex side uppermost, starting from the right-hand side, push the router over the timber, taking about 0.5mm off the highest point.

Cutting the top disc





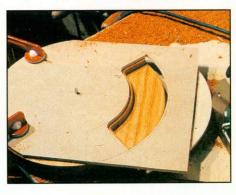
▲ Cutting the lower quadrants' template on the scroll saw

Take 1in wide cuts, moving the router on its rods to the left for each pass. This sequence, repeated, should leave the top truly flat. Flip the disc over and repeat for the concave side.

Templates

Screw a 20mm guidebush to the underside of the router base, and set up a ¾in straight cutter. This assembly is used

▼ One of the quadrants, routed out to a depth of 10mm. Note outer edge supported by scrap packing





inside a 6mm thick MDF template, which is clamped to the workpiece, to step the two quadrants of the base and middle

discs, and to rout the box compartments. To get the correct registration, the templates and discs are drilled centrally to

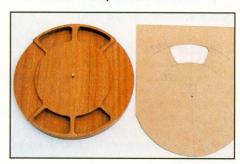
6mm, the MDF right through, and the discs to a depth of about 20mm. Locate the template accurately with a short length of 6mm steel rod through both.

You will need five templates and, although the diagrams show the

dimensions and curves of the cut-outs in the templates, you may find it easier to lay out each by drawing direct onto the MDF.

The panel sizes may seem rather large, but they will need to be clamped so as to leave the working area clear, and should be supported where they over-reach the workpiece. It's easier to clamp the templates if their blank ends are curved to match the rim of the workpiece below.

▼ The base, with centre 6mm peg for template registration, and the four small compartments routed

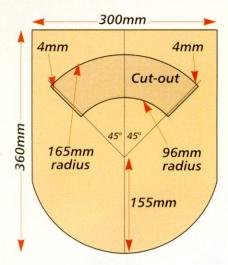




▲ The three levels, ready to rout the compartments...



▲ ...and the three compartments dry mounted

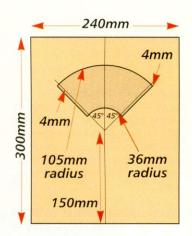


▲ Template 1 Use to step two quadrants of base disc

Template 1On a piece of MDF, 300 by 360mm, mark the centre line, and the centre of the locating peg-hole, 155mm in from one end. With compasses on the peg centre, draw two curves, radii 96mm and 165mm.

Draw two radius lines 45° left and right of the centre line, out to the larger curve already drawn. Draw a line at each end of the curved shape, parallel with the radius line but 4mm outside. This compensates for the difference between the template and the smaller path of the cutter within its guidebush. Now cut out the curved quadrant shape (a No. 5 blade on the scrollsaw is fine), and then drill the peg hole.

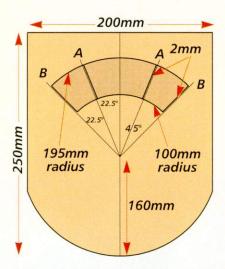
This template is used to rout two quadrants of the base disc, 320mm dia, so they are 10mm lower than the other two.



▲ Template 2 Use to step two quadrants of centre disc

Template 2

On 240 by 300mm MDF make a pin-hole 150mm from one end. Draw curves at 36mm and 105mm radii. Draw radius lines 45° left and right of the centre line, and again extend the ends 4mm before cutting out. This template is used for routing two quadrants of the middle disc, 200mm dia.



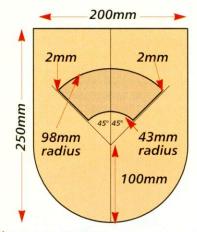
▲ Template 3 Use AA to rout small compartments in base. Then cut template to BB to rout large compartments in base disc

Template 3

This is a dual-purpose template, initially cut to rout the four smaller compartments of the base, and then enlarged for the two big compartments. All share the same curvature. On a piece of 300 by 360mm MDF, peg a hole 160mm from one end. Draw curves at 100mm and 159mm radii.

Draw radius lines 22.5° left and right of the centre line, then reduce the template ends by parallel lines 2mm inside the first radius lines. This template is used to cut the four small compartments in the thickest, 30mm, quadrants of the base.

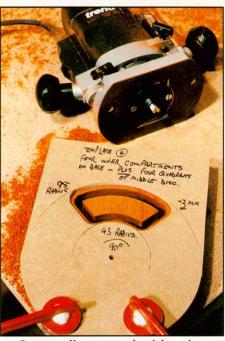
Having routed those compartments, enlarge the template by extending the ends of the curved template cut-out, with radius lines 45° left and right of the centre line. Draw parallel lines 2mm inside these and cut to those inner lines. This template is for the large compartments.



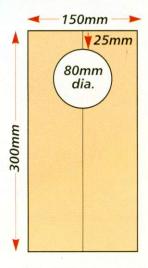
Template 4 Use to rout compartments in centre disc

Template 4

On a piece of 200 by 250mm MDF, peg a hole 100mm from one end. Draw curves at 43mm and 98mm radii, with radius lines 45° left and right of centre. Draw parallel lines 2mm inside the radius lines, and cut to these. This template is for the four compartments of the middle, 200mm dia, disc.



▲ Centre disc routed with using template No. 4



▲ Template 5 Use to rout top disc and centre of middle disc

Template 5

Optional, as you could use the scroll saw to cut the top disc. On a 300 by 150mm piece of MDF cut a 80mm dia circular hole, about 25mm from one end of the MDF. There is no need to create a pin-hole.

Use this if you are hollowing the top disc to 70mm internal diameter, which is best done on the remaining piece of plank, before cutting out the disc. This template is also used to rout a central hole in the middle disc, if required.

"Ensure the wood grain of all three components are in the same direction"



▲ Second disc routed in outline with one of the compartments cut out...



▲ ...and the centre disc finished

Reducing the quadrants

Ensure the wood grain of all three components are in the same direction. On the base disc, 320mm dia, with grain running left to right as you view it, mark north, south, east and west (0°, 90°, 180°, 270°). Bisect these 90° angles and mark lines 45° from each.

Rout the north and south quadrants (315° to 45° and 135° to 225°), reducing their thickness from 30mm to 20mm. Place the 6mm pin in your central hole and lay on template No. 1.

Align its central line with the 0° line you drew first on the timber. Place the assembly at the corner of your bench, centre line at 45° to the bench sides, and the cut-out of the template toward the centre, and clamp.

Use scrap to support the outer end of the template which overlaps the workpiece. If you don't, the router plus your hand pressure will deform the cut, as the MDF will bend at the outer limit of the router's travel.

With a 20mm guidebush and %in straight cutter fitted, set your depth stop to give an initial cut of about 2.5mm to 3mm depth. With the bush located within the template, plunge the router and move it clockwise around the template, then remove the rest of the waste inside this cut.

Repeat, increasing the depth 2.5mm each time until you have removed 10mm, which will leave a thickness of 20mm in which you will rout the large 15mm deep compartments later. Repeat for the second, opposite,

quadrant. Follow the same procedure for the middle, 200mm disc, using template No. 2.

Routing the compartments

The procedure is very similar to that for the quadrants. Start with the small base compartments, using template No. 3, supporting the outside of the template with scrap. Remember to locate the template to give equal spacing of the compartments within the thicker quadrants.

It helps if you first draw around the template cut-out onto the wood to see whether you have marked accurately. There should be a 5mm end wall for each finished compartment. Rout each compartment to a depth of 25mm, leaving a 5mm thick floor.

Enlarge template No. 4 as detailed above, and use it for the larger compartments in the stepped quadrants. Routed depth is 15mm to leave a 5mm floor.

When clamping for these larger compartments, ensure that the clamps are over the thicker, 30mm thick, quadrants of the workpiece. If you don't, the clamps will bend the template.

Template No. 4 can be used to rout the middle disc compartments completely but, to avoid much dust and time, I routed only around the outside of the template aperture.

I took this trench to a depth of 25mm, the maximum for safety with my cutter, leaving two thirds of its shank within the collet. I

drilled within this curved slot and cut out the block of waste with the scroll saw.

The surface of the base padauk disc forms the floor of the four middle disc compartments, and the centre circular cut-out. Use template No. 4 to rout four inner compartments in the base, to match the middle disc. This will increase the depth to 55mm. Use template No. 5 to do the same with the centre 70mm dia compartment, increasing its depth to 85mm.

Decoration

Cut four curved fillets from 3mm thick timber (I used Lemonwood), and glue them around the top disc. As you see, they are not at exactly 90° intervals, as I have placed them so that one vertical face is flush with the vertical wall of the routed step quadrant of the centre disc.

Cut and glue two slightly larger fillets, to the wall of the middle disc, each between two small compartments of the base.

Archways

Glue short lengths of veneer strip between the fillets, into which cut archways 10mm wide and 25mm high, at 5mm intervals. The strips are 30mm wide, to match the thickness of the padauk. It is important the grain of the veneer runs across the 30mm width, so it is vertical when glued in place. This ensures it will curve easily to match the curvature of the padauk wall.

Materials

Main timbers

Arch veneers

Discs

Lids

Church and fillets Veneer" Brass knobs Steel rod MDF Cameroon padauk (Pterocarpus soyauxii), Lemonwood (Calycophyllum multiflorum) Douglas Fir (Pseudotsoga menziesii) Padauk 30mm thick, 1 disc 320mm dia, 1 disc 200mm dia, and 1 disc 80mm dia (from a plank 320 by 520 by 32mm)

Padauk 3 by 3 by 12in (from a strip, 75 by 5mm

by 1.4 metres)

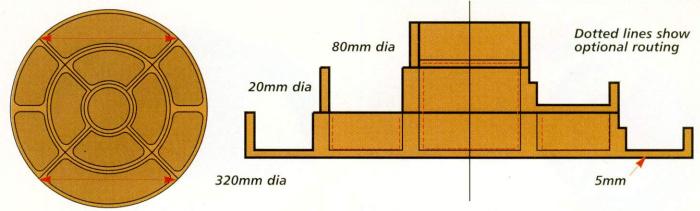
Lemonwood 2 by 2 by 12in Leaf or 60 by 300mm minimum ¾in, quantity 10

6mm dia, 25mm long

6mm, 1 sheet, 2 by 4ft for templates



▲ The three discs, fully routed



▲ 90° quadrant reduced from 30mm thick to 20mm thick

All cutting was done, after marking out in pencil, with a Swann-Mortin scalpel; No. 3 handle and No. 10A blade. Cut each strip a little overlength to produce four complete arches for each top section, and trim to fit.

Use the same pattern for the 30mm thick quadrants of the middle disc, five complete arches for each segment, either side of the lower fillets. The remainder is decorated with the little waste cut-outs from the archways. Reduce their height from 25mm to about 19mm, and glue them on at 5mm intervals. For symmetry, mark the exact layout with a paper strip marked at 5mm and 10mm intervals.

Church

I kept this very simple; a central spire, with four transepts, each with an end facade and a centrally-placed spirelet. All you need is a piece of timber 15mm thick for spire and transepts, and a piece 3mm thick for the rest.

All these pieces can be cut and shaped on the scroll saw, including the transepts which, being only 25mm long, can be placed on their ends on the saw table to cut the roof angles.

A No. 5 blade is fine for the thicker pieces, and a No. 1, at low speed, for the spirelets and pierced facades, pre-drilled with a 0.5mm drill bit. The whole assembly, when glued, is 70 by 70mm, which sits nicely on the lid of the top box.

Lids

Eleven lids are required, all cut from padauk 5mm thick. I cut strips from a square of padauk 3 by 3 by 12in on the bandsaw, at 6mm thick. When planed they finished at 5mm and, being 75mm wide, were large enough for ten lids to be cut from them.

The circular 80mm dia top lid was cut separately from a scrap piece of the plank I originally used for the box discs. The ten curved lids are ½in larger all round than the compartments they cover, so, if in doubt, make a paper pattern of the actual routed compartment and check it against your proposed cut on the wood strip. The top circular lid, at 80mm dia, matches the outside diameter of the top disc.

▲ Left: shows cross-section of two quadrants of full 30mm thickness for each layer



▲ The Lemonwood fillets added, veneer rampart arches glued in place. Waste from the veneer is used on alternate quadrants

Rebating

Rebate the lids to fit their compartments. I used the router inverted in my router table, with a 1½in dia Jesada rebating bit fitted with a 1½in guide bearing, to cut a ½in rebate. Depth of rebate should be about 2.5mm, half the lid thickness.

Rebate the top lid 5mm to match the thickness of the top box wall. The ¾in cutter can do this easily. Set its height 2.5mm above the table surface, and position it proud enough of the fence to cut a 5mm rebate.

Bring the two fence cheeks up close to the cutter, and check the cut on scrap first. Push the lid into the cutter until it touches the two

▲ Right: shows cross-section of two quadrants, stepped at levels 1&2 by 10mm to thickness 20mm

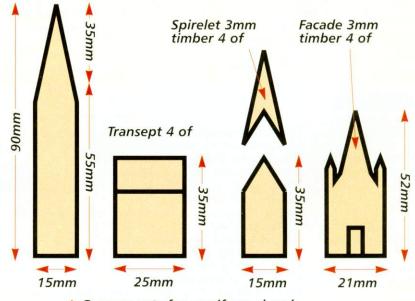
ends of the half-fences, and then rotate. Finally, fit the 10 brass knobs; mine came from The Art Veneers Co, Mildenhall, tel 01638 712550.

Drill each lid centrally to 2.5mm, except the top one which bears the church, and screw in the knobs. Use a scrap of leather in the jaws of your pliers to avoid scratching. Cut off, and file flat any excess screw-tip on the lid underside.

The choice of finish is up to you. I chose a coat of melamine, a light sanding with 400-grit abrasive cloth, and two applications of clear Briwax. Gentle polishing with a soft cloth completes the job. ●



▲ Rebating the top circular lid 5mm, (cutter-guard removed for clarity)



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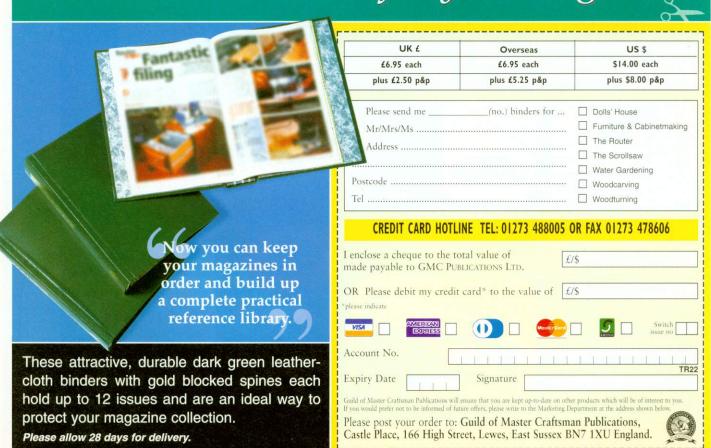
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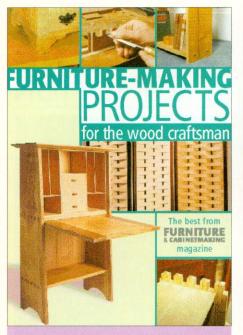
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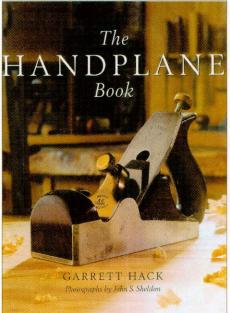
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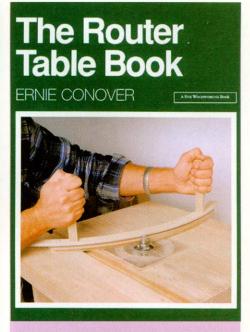


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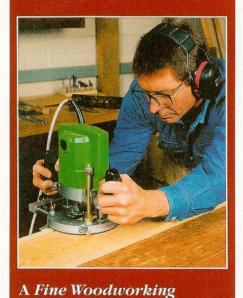
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VIDEO reviews

Router Joinery with Gary Rogowski



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Video Workshop

The Taunton Press, 1996 £16.95 VHS, 75 minutes ISBN 1 56158 145 3

JOINERY IS Americanese for making joints, not making window frames and so on, as it is in the UK, and this video sets out to teach viewers how to use their routers to make rebated, housed, halved, dovetailed and mortice and tenon joints in furniture construction. That's a lot of joints, more than enough to really get you you going

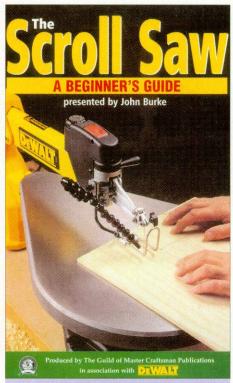
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I would be happier if it were called 'Router Joinery for Beginners', as it does cover a lot of basic ground – the first 20 minutes or so are spent cutting a simple rebate. Still, if you are new to routing this isn't a bad introduction, apart from the usual transatlantic disregard for safety – Rogowski wears ear defenders but no dust protection, and his table saw's crown guard and riving knife are missing. Don't make the same mistakes, even if it looks safe on the video.

At 75 minutes this video is almost as long as a feature film – good value, but a car chase or two would have livened it up a bit – but if you're just starting out this would be a handy reference tool.

Paul Richardson



The Scroll Saw A Beginner's Guide Presented by John Burke

GMC Publications, 1998 £16.95 VHS, 60 minutes ISBN 1 86108 073 5

THE USER-FRIENDLINESS of the scrollsaw makes it immediately accessible to those who are not necessarily woodworkers, and who might find other machines, particularly the larger ones, a little daunting. It has the added attraction of not taking up too much space in the workshop, and can enable you to finish a project speedily.

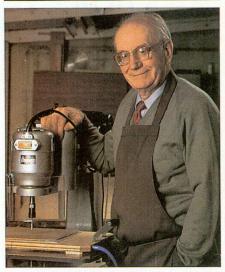
Also of use to the professional, the scrollsaw can be used for some types of marquetry – in fact the range of things it can help you accomplish is really only limited by your imagination and experience. John Burke guides beginners from setting up and choosing blades, through to making a variety of interesting projects.

The photography is good throughout, and the close-up shots are particularly good in demonstrating blade-break avoidance. The five projects start from simply cutting out an outline of a plywood letter of the alphabet and go on to making a small box.

This video achieves exactly what it sets out to do – explaining to the novice, with the help of some examples, the basic techniques to be adopted and safety to be observed – with simplicity and clarity.

Colin Eden-Eadon

ADVANCED ROUTING BY ROY SUTTON



Advanced Routing by Roy Sutton

GMC Publications, 1988 £14.95 VHS, 45 minutes ISBN 1 86108 002 6

THIS IS the second in Roy's series, and deals with techniques for more ambitious router-users. He begins by demonstrating how productive large overhead routers used with jigs can be. He then moves on to show how to make kitchen doors using a large 1850W router inverted in a stand. Then, with the router hand-held and with the aid of a purpose-made jig, he easily forms normally difficult mason mitre joints on a worktop. The beauty of the video format is that you can play these tutorials back again and again until you've perfected the techniques.

Using Roy's own design for a home-built router table and an arbor that takes various cutters, tongue and groove boarding is machined. Roy goes on to show how easily staircases can be made using another purpose-made jig and a hand-held router.

Finally, using a pantograph jig, letters are machined in timber for sign-making. Although the video is effectively a showcase for Trend products, enough information is given on each subject to whet the appetite.

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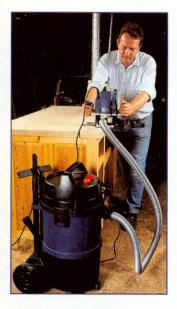
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Router specifications

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Atlas Copco	OFSE 2000	2000W	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
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Bosch		500W	Option	Yes	Option	No	No	No
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Bosch		900W	Option	Yes	Option	No	No	No
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Key: TR# = The Router issue tested; NYT = not yet tested by The Router; ** = tested as DeWalt 621.

Max. plunge	RPM	Soft start	Voltage	Spindle lock	Dust extraction	Weight	Test	Price
50mm (2in)	10,000-30,000	Yes	240V	Yes	No	2.9kg	TR10	£234
50mm (2in)	8,000-25,000	Yes	240V	Yes	No	2.7kg	NYT	£355
75mm (3in)	8,000-24,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	5.2kg	TR3	£478
55mm (2½in)	30,000	No	240V	Yes	Yes	3.0kg	NYT	£135
55mm (2½in)	8,000–30,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	3.0kg	TR10	
52mm (2in)	27,000	No	240V	No	Yes		N CHARLEST CONTROLS	£153
52mm (2in)	12,000-27,000					2.4kg	NYT	£131
		Yes	240V	No	Yes	2.0kg	TR10	£184
50mm (2in)	12,000-26,500	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.5kg	TR1	£341
60mm (2¾in)	12,000–24,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	4.8kg	TR9	£401
75mm (3in)	25,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.7kg	TR2	£398
75mm (3in)	8,000-23,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.8kg	TR7	£488
35mm (1¾in)	27,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	2.8kg	TR1	£233
55mm (2½in)	24,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.1kg	NYT	£282
55mm (2½in)	8,000–24,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.1kg	TR1	£376
64mm (2½in)	24,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	TR3	£562
22mm (1¾in)	30,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	1.9kg	NYT	£233
50mm (2in)	24,000	No	240V	Yes	Yes	n/a	TR1	£165
55mm (2½in	8,000-24,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	2.9kg	NYT	£329
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55mm (2½in)	8,000-24,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.3kg	TR1**	
65mm (2½in)	20,000	No	240/110V	Yes	No	5.1kg	NYT	£493
65mm (2½in	20,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	TR1	£535
73mm (2%in)	10,000-21,000	Yes	240V	No	Yes	7.8kg	TR5	£685
55mm (2¼in)	10,000-22,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	2.7kg	NYT	£321
55mm (2½in	10,000-22,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	2.7kg	TR11	£321
65mm (2½in)	25,500	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	NYT	£445
65mm (2½in)	12,000-22,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	TR3	£525
70mm (2¾in)	8,000-22,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	5.9kg	TR2	£341
52mm (2in)	27,000	No	240V	No	No	2.3kg	TR10	£143
50mm (2in)	25,000	No	240/110V	Yes	No	2.7kg	TR1	£264
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62mm (2¾in)	22,000	No	240/110V	Yes	No	The Contract of the Contract o	TR2	
62mm (2¾in)	8,000-20,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	No	5.2kg	TR3	£339
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50mm (2in)	8,000-25,000	Yes	240/110V 240/110V			2.7kg	NYT	
44mm (1¾in)	8,000-25,000	Yes	The state of the s	Yes	No	2.7kg	NYT	£310
50mm (2in)	10,000-22,000	Yes	240/110V 240/110V	Yes	No	2.7kg	NYT	£310
65mm (2½in)	8,000-20,000	Yes	240/110V 240V	Yes	Yes	1.6kg	TR10	£199
35mm (1%in)	24,000	No	240V 240V	Yes	Yes	5.5kg	TR4	£395
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80mm (3½) 43mm (1¾in)	8,000-22,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	TR3	£570
50mm (2in)	9,000-28,000 25,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	3.7kg	TR16	£50
55mm (2¼in)		No	240V	No	No	n/a	NYT	£185
	17,000-28,000	No	240V	Yes	Yes	2.2kg	TR10	£199
50mm (2in)	16,000–27,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.0kg	TR1	£298
60mm (2¾in)	23,000		240/110V	Yes	Yes	6.2kg	NYT	£398
60mm (2¾in)	10,000-23,000	Yes	240/110V	Yes	Yes	6.2kg	TR2	£469
63.5mm (2¾in)	8,000-22,000	Yes	240V	No	Yes	4.5kg	TR2	£316
52mm (2in)	8,000–33,000		240V	No	Yes	2.2kg	TR10	£105
50mm (2in)	8,000-24,000		240V	Yes	Yes	3.1kg	TR7	£217
75mm (3in)	8,000-22,000	Service and additional contract of the contrac	240/110V	Yes	Yes	5.2kg	TR9	£351
50mm (2in)	24,000	No	240/110V	Yes	Yes	3.1kg	NYT	£182
50mm (2in)	8,000-24,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	2.9kg	TR15	£190
60mm (2¾in)	23,000	No	240V	Yes	Yes	3.8kg	TR15	£175
80mm (3½in)	8,000-24,000	Yes	240V	Yes	Yes	5.1kg	TR6	£259

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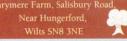
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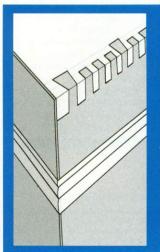
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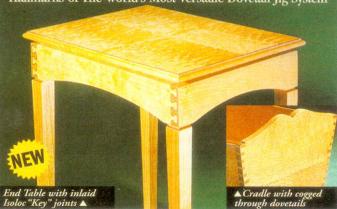
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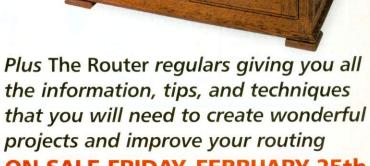
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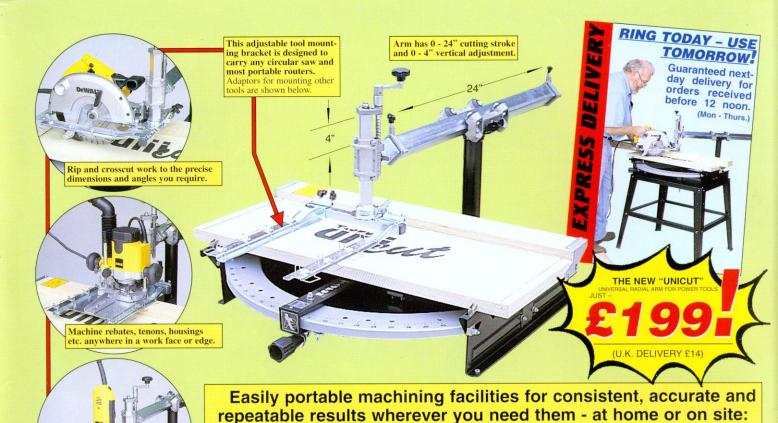
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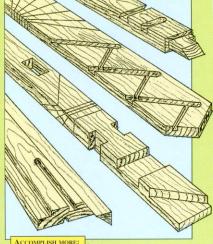
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