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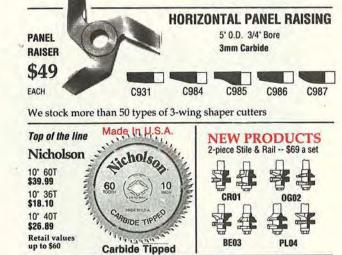


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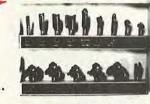
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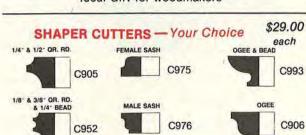
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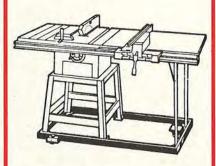
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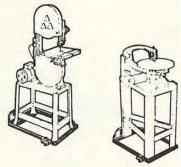
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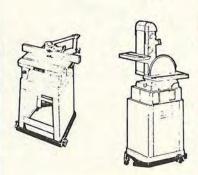
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Yellow birch: The shimmering 33 queen of the north

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Return to the Round Table OO

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Jewel of a case 42

Distinctive joinery and sensible trays highlight a reader's jewelry box.

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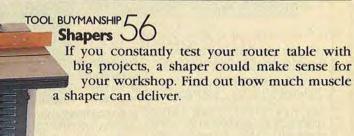
Expect years of service from our patterned end-grain cutting board.

Snow-loving open sleigh 4

Bent runners frighten you? No problem here: A laminating jig simplifies forming runners for this classic sleigh designed in Minnesota.

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Help someone organize video, cassette, and compact-disc collections.



SHOP-TESTED TECHNIQUES

Sanding shortcuts

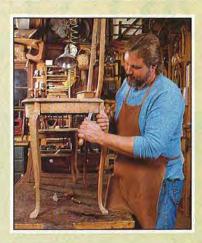
After you learn how to choose the best abrasive, review the strong points of 13 sanding devices. Then, check out our list of hints.



CRAFTSMAN CLOSE-UP

Good wood is worth restorin'

Sit in on a visit with Jim Watson and discover how he restores tired furniture. Be sure to save Jim's tips for a successful refinishing project.



THE ENVIRONMENT

Battling harmful vapors /2

Don't miss this important health article. It will help you identify the culprits in strippers and finishes that irritate eyes, noses, and throats.

Good sports

Features editor Pete Stephano tees up with a foursome of sports diversions steeped with a long-standing partnership with wood.



CARVING PATTERN Carve a Santa

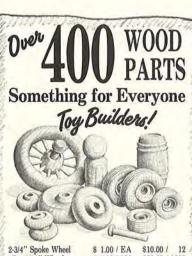
Ring in the holiday season with a new carving project of Santa carrying a Christmas goose.



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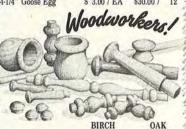
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e editor's angle

READY OR NOT, HERE THEY COME ...

WATER-BASE

Jim Boelling, our

project builder, ran

product tests, too.

ntil fairly recently, solvent-based finishes were the only game in town

for home woodworkers. But now, thanks largely to California standards that limit the content of volatile organic compounds (VOC), finish manufacturers everywhere are scrambling to reformulate their products. And guess what? Several companies now have water-based products on the market that perform quite well. That's why we plan to make use of these environment-friendly prod-

ucts whenever practical here in the WOOD magazine shop. And we hope that you will consider

doing the same in yours.

Like most other woodworkers, we've always sensed the danger in using solvent-based finishes, but we weren't sure there were any viable alternatives. That's why we asked representatives from Basic Coatings and Amity Products, two innovators in the finishing. field, to come to our shop and give us demonstrations. The re-

outside advice, too.

Enter Wade Sundeen, a Des Moines-area finishing professional and self-styled "finishing fanatic." Wade, who has long been concerned about the effects of solvents on his health and that of other finishing professionals, agreed to put several different company's products to the test. After spraying and hand-applying both lacquer and polyurethane, he came back impressed—especially by

the quick drying times of some of the polyurethanes, and the lack of

sults they showed us were impres-

sive, but we wanted some expert



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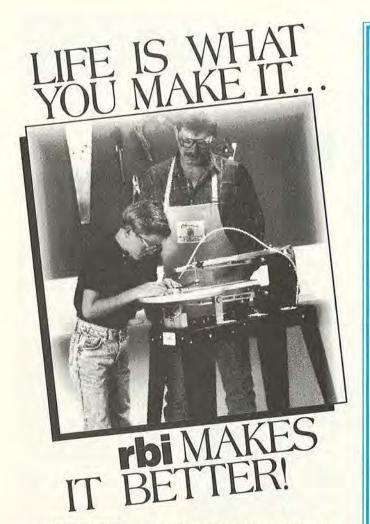
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Forest update

Thank you for an informative article titled "Fight in



the Forest" in the August 1990 issue. It points out that both loggers and environmentalists are having a tough time seeing the forest through the trees.

Obviously, there are no easy answers, but if cutbacks, job retraining, and changes in Japanese log exports are inevitable, better they come now before the last stick of timber is gone.

Jobs are tremendously important, but anyone who can't see the genetic and esthetic value in saving old-growth timber has never walked through the forest without a chainsaw.

Bob Hammill, Davenport, Iowa

I am bothered by the amount of space devoted to editorial posturing in Issue 36, August 1990. I subscribe to WOOD magazine for advice, suggestions, and ideas in woodworking, not politics or ecology!

"Fight in the Forest" contained nothing I have not read elsewhere. But other publications do not provide what I need or desire in woodworking articles and information. So far as I am concerned, you have used five pages of my subscription to make a political or ecological statement.

-Edward Vitello, Georgetown, Mass.

If I choose to build an item from a fine or rare wood, I am willing to pay the extra price that conservation would imply. The beauty of a polished cherry cabinet must be weighed against the beauty of a blossoming tree. I'm sure that many readers of your magazine, like me, are not commercial producers of wood products, concerned only with a profit. Instead, they are hobbyists who respect the environment and try to live in harmony with it.

-Joseph T. Lowe, Dallas, Texas

Thanks to all three readers for their letters. We appreciate the input. Regarding ecological articles in WOOD magazine, our policy is to report on issues of concern to woodworkers and woodworking as well as their possible effects. We will continue to focus our articles on woodworking projects, tools, techniques, and related articles, but we can't bury our collective heads in the sawdust. By our count, we've devoted less than 3 percent of our editorial space in the last year to environmental pieces.

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Wood in his veins and liking it

Well, if all things in life don't turn 'round and 'round, e.g. the "Finishing Touches" mention in the April 1990 issue about barking trees to reduce weight.

Seems like a few summers in the Northeast during my youth were spent with a spud in like manner-peeling the bark from trees to be sold to the paper mills. The mills in Maine liked wood without the bark and paid premium prices to get it. Anyway, it was a sticky way to make a buck, and the blackflies were awful.

I still have that spud, and from time to time sharpen it up and shave with it. Try that with today's tool steel!

Sign me as one with wood in my veins, who loves your magazine.

James A. Leach, Orono, Maine

Jim, thanks for sharing your memories. Peeling logs destined for paper mills remains a common

summertime job in many parts of the nation. In Wisconsin, for instance, kids get about 25 cents a log for peeling popple (aspen). And, yes, those pesky blackflies are still around, too. But, you're the only one we know who shaves with a spud!

Triplets in the shop? Yes!

A while back, a reader wrote about his daughter or granddaughter who hurt herself falling off a stool in his shop. His conclusion was that kids have no business in the shop. I totally disagree. Kids do belong in the shop, albeit with proper supervision. Yes, they will get hurt, but they also will get hurt playing on the playground or learning to ride a bicycle. What craftsman worth his sawdust has never had a subungual hematoma (thumb ouchie)?

Supervision is the key to minimizing shop injuries. I have a set of 12-year-old triplets as well as a 16-year-old daughter. You can frequently find any one of the four in the shop. They are allowed to use hand tools without over-the-shoulder supervision. Power tools require closer supervision and were not introduced in our children until they became middle-school students.

> -Larry S. Buege, Marquette, Mich. Continued on page 16

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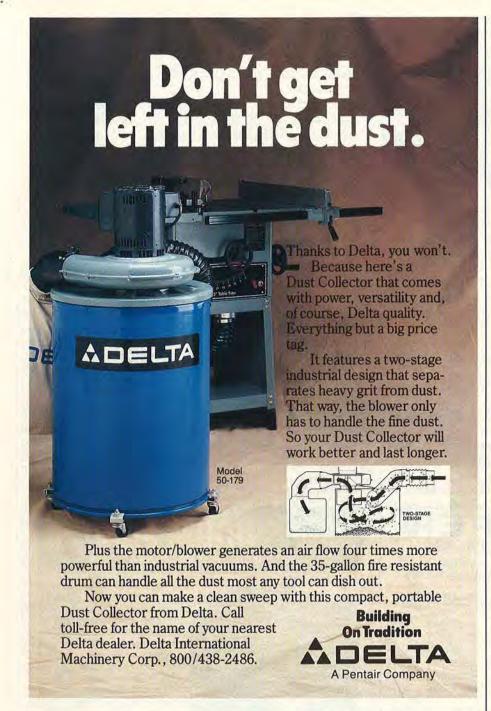
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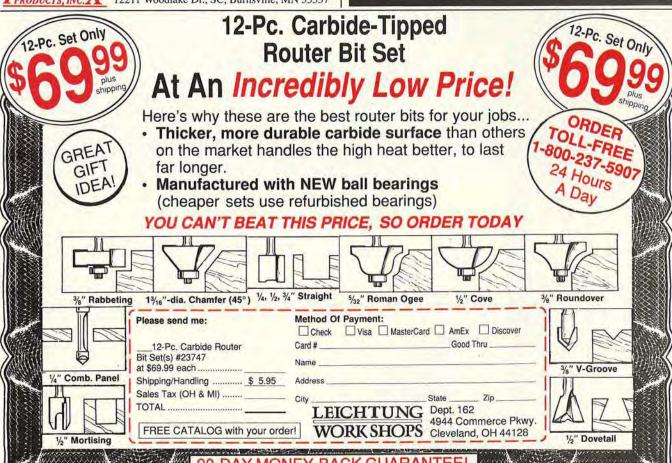
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Help!

We have tentative plans to publish the cute toy at *right* from the 1989 Design-A-Toy contest, but we've misplaced the tag identifying the toy designer. Can anyone out there help us? Please come forward



Please come forward and call Marlen Kemmet, how-to editor, at 800-678-2666.

Watch out for imitators

Jim Boelling offered an excellent suggestion in your August 1990 "Products That Peform." The single-flute countersink with the "hole in the head" feature is a wise choice for smooth countersunk holes.

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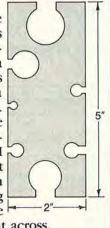
-Paul Muratet, Tulsa, Okla.

Most countersink bits have a tendency to chatter and wobble when countersinking a hole already drilled. For an easy remedy, countersink the mark first and then drill the hole. This way, the countersink has solid wood at its point and can't vibrate.

-Tom Horton, Agincourt, Ontario

In the groove with dowels

Your idea in the April 1990 issue [page 16] about grooving dowels was very interesting. In fact, so interesting that it gave me the idea for this little jig I made for all sizes of dowels. From scrap, I cut a block of wood 2×2×5" long. Then, I drilled holes ½" from the edge of the block to fit different-sized dowels. On the bandsaw, I cut a lengthwise opening about one-third the size of the hole. You can groove any dowel by inserting it in its proper-sized hole. I hope the sample drawing puts my point across.



-Clement Michaud, Chicago

Your idea and your drawing are just fine, Clement. Thanks for the suggestion.

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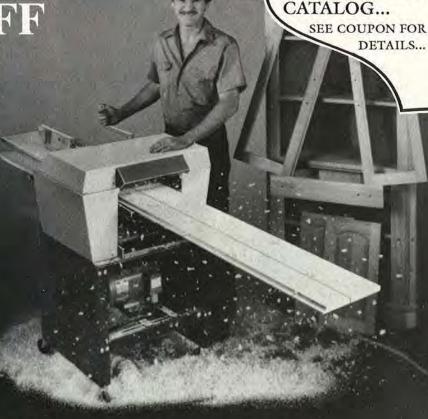


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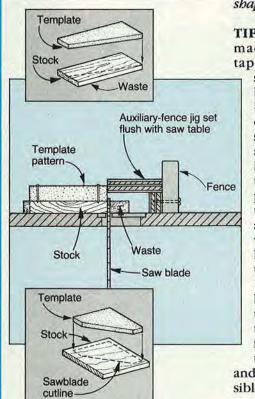


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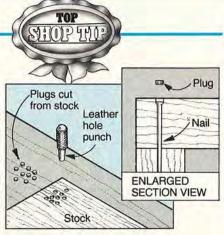


Tiny plugs make nail holes nearly invisible

You can buy all kinds of fillers for disguising the holes that remain after countersinking finishing nails, but these often leave telltale results.

TIP: From a piece of scrap that matches your work stock, use leather hole punches to cut tiny plugs to match the size of the nail holes. Set the nails slightly below the surface, and dab a little glue into the indentation with a wood sliver or a paper clip. Then, press the plug into place, making sure the grain of the plug matches the workpiece. It takes a sharp eye to spot these plugs.

-Bill Blain, Edmonton, Alberta





For his tip, Bill receives a Jet model JSG-1 sander.

Jig and templates duplicate irregular shapes

Sometimes, it seems almost impossible to safely and effectively cut several identical irregularly shaped pieces on a tablesaw.

TIP: A simple jig and custommade templates help you cut tapers or nearly any irregular

shape with straight sides. First, build an auxiliary-fence jig of 3/4" plywood that allows plenty of clearance above and to the side of the saw blade as shown at left. The jig should be as long as the fence. Now, cut a template of the blank to be duplicated, taking extreme care to ensure correct dimensions and angles. Attach this to the workpiece with brads or double-faced tape, and rough-cut the wood material to within ½-1" of the final size. (A bandsaw works well for this task.) Then, with the jig attached to the fence, make the final cuts. For safety's sake, turn off the saw after each cut

and clear the scraps to avoid possible kickbacks or binding.

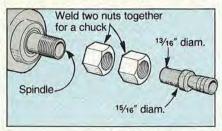
-Mike Jagielo, Almond, Wis.

Economy chuck for turning small-diameter stock

If you only occasionally need a small lathe chuck, owning one can be an expensive luxury. Here's a way to make a small chuck for just a couple of bucks.

TIP: Welding two 1" nuts (8 TPI) together makes a great economy chuck for Delta or Rockwell lathes. (For other brands, check the thread size before purchasing the nuts.) First, turn the blank between centers, tapering one end of the stock from 15/16" to 13/16" as shown below. Then, screw the chuck halfway onto the lathe spindle, and screw the tapered end of the workpiece into the available threads of the combined nuts. Now, you can turn a thimble or other small projects.

-Frank Lynn, Kelso, Wash.



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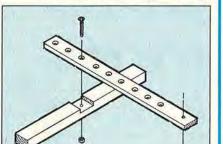
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Picture-hanging jig eliminates guesswork

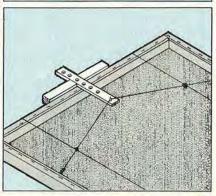
Hanging a picture can be a bit-andmiss affair when you hold the artwork up to a wall and then guess where to position the hanger.

TIP: Make the simple cross-shaped jig shown at right by drilling several 1/4" holes about 1" apart in a 1×12" piece of ¼" plywood. Then, cut a ¼"-deep, 1"-wide mortise in the center of a 1×10" scrap of 34" hardwood. Add a 34" self-tapping screw about 1/2" from one end of the ¼"-thick piece.

Now, lay down the 3/4"-thick piece mortise-side-up, and place the 1/4"-thick piece into the mortise so the screw points up. Fasten together the two pieces with a 1/4" nut and 14"-long 4" bolt. Place the bolt in any hole that suits the size of your picture as shown at right. With the picture wire draped over the exposed screw point, position the picture on your wall and give the jig a light tap when you find the right spot. The resulting mark from the screw point will tell you exactly where to place the hanger.



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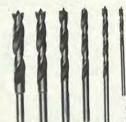
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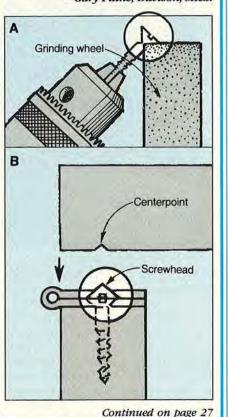
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Get right to the point for hinge screw holes

Even after careful measuring, you can drill pilot holes for binge screws that leave binges and doors slightly out of kilter. Then, both the appearance of the project and the smooth swinging of the door suffer from misalignment.

TIP: From flathead wood screws, make concentric-pointed markers for positioning pilot holes on target. First, tighten a screw into the chuck of your portable electric drill. With a grinding wheel and the drill operating simultaneously, remove the head of the screw as shown in Drawing A below. Touch up the newly ground point on the screwhead with a file. After mounting the hinge(s) on the cabinet frame, insert two of these "center finders" into the other half of the hinge, place the door in its correct position as shown in Drawing B, and press it against the hinge to mark the points for drilling pilot holes.

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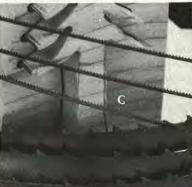
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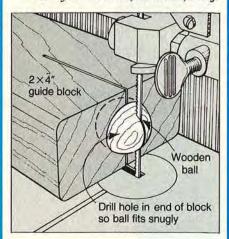
Saw a wooden sphere in half with accuracy

Occasionally, a plan calls for sawing a wooden ball in half. Such is the case for a rocking borse that uses two birch balf-balls for eyes.

TIP: In one end of a length of 2×4 , bore a hole 16'' smaller than the diameter of the ball and to a depth that's three-fourths the diameter of the ball. Also, cut a kerf into the block as shown, centered on the hole for the ball. Force the ball into the hole and cut. (NOTE: The ball must fit snugly into the jig for a safe, accurate cut.)

Afterwards, shut off the saw, allow the blade to stop, and remove the two halves.

-Henry E. Coleman, Anabeim, Calif.



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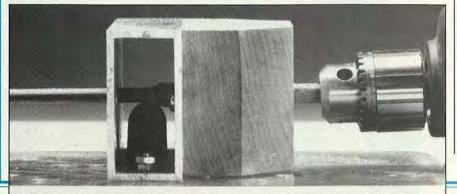
This jig helps you make your own dowels from any stock

Like all lovers of cherry hardwood, I'd turn cartwheels if I could locate cherry dowels at my favorite hardwood store. Recently, I discovered a nifty device that helps me make ¼" to 1" dowels from any hardwood stock. The aluminum-and-maple jig, patented by router guru Brad Witt, bolts to either a table-mounted or portable router. After adjusting a 2¼"-long core-box bit (nothing shorter will work!), the fun be-

gan. I really enjoyed pushing stock through the jig with my variable-speed 3/8" electric drill. Best of all, the dowels I turned were exactly the right diameter.

-Tested by Carl Voss

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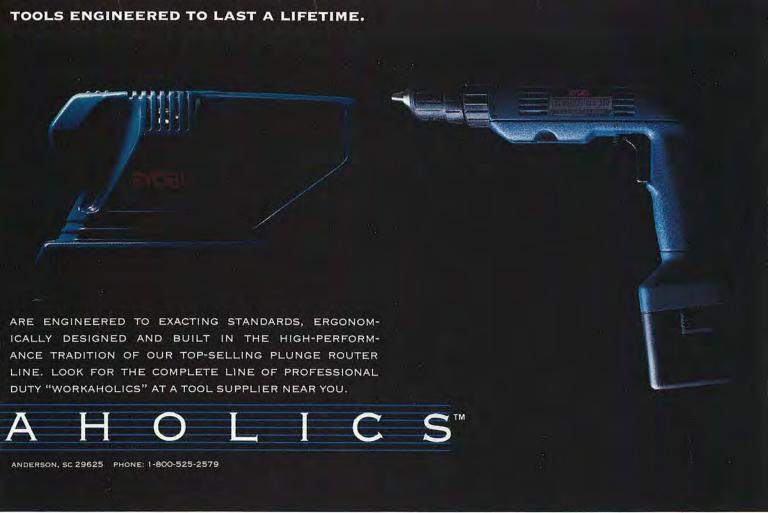


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Freud "TK" series blades, \$32.90 to \$44.90 list for 10-inch models. Other diameters also available, with 24 to 50 teeth. Call Freud at 800-334-4107 or 919/434-3171 for your nearest dealer.

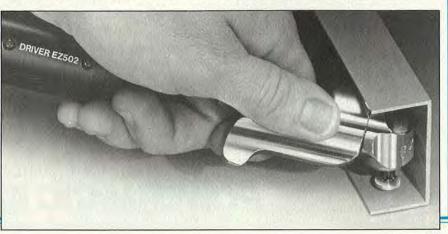
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The beauty of yellow birch on the stump probably captivated colonial New England craftsmen, too. But, it was the tree's strong, golden wood that they treasured. From it, they expertly crafted Windsor-style chairs, tables, and other furniture to withstand decades of use and abuse. Centuries later—at the peak of this wood's popularity in the 1950s—homes across the nation featured sturdy, blonde cabinets of yellow birch.

Wood identification

Yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis), also called silver birch and swamp birch, is one of 50 species of birch found around the world. Situated in a wide range across the northern U.S. and Canada, yellow birch grows best in rich, moist woodlands by rivers and streams.

Easily recognized by its metallic-looking bark with numerous papery curls and strips, the forest-grown yellow birch attains 60-70' heights and 3' diameters.

Before leaves appear in the spring, twigs bear brown buds and branch ends boast two or three catkins containing pollen. By summer, the buds develop into toothed and pointed leaves measuring about 3-4" long.



Natural range

Along the branches, small cones with seeds inside appear, only to drop off in the fall.

What little sapwood you find in yellow birch will be nearly white, while heartwood has an array of color. The wood varies from cream to golden tan to light walnut. Some wood may even have gray and red tinges.

Although birch has a distinct grain pattern—sometimes displaying waves or curls—the fine-textured wood doesn't always overpower the eye. And, at 43 pounds per cubic foot dry, it weighs almost the same as sugar maple, although it's not as hard.

Uses in woodworking

Along with maple, yellow birch has always been a standard for items that get lots of use—chairs, tables, desks, and cabinets. And, it often turns up as doors and moldings as well as floors.

Many of the turned products sold in homecenters are yellow birch. It's also used for dowels, dowel pins, screw-hole buttons and plugs, and shaker pegs. **Availability**

Yellow birch lumber usually sells for less than \$2 per board foot, and, except on the West Coast, should be readily available. Stock from the northern part of its range is harder, has fewer defects, and stains better.

Although you normally won't find lumber with much sapwood, manufacturers of rotary cut yellow birch veneer make the distinction. It's offered as "natural," including heartwood and sapwood, and "select white," from sapwood. Plywood sells for about \$50 per sheet.

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PERFORMANCE PROFILE

yellow birch

(Betula allegbaniensis)

Plain yellow birch



Machining methods

Yellow birch machines a little easier than maple, a wood with similar characteristics. That's because yellow birch normally has a finer, more even grain than maple. However, it does have a moderate dulling effect on cutting edges that requires carbide tips. When yellow birch does misbebave, bere's what to do:

• The wood planes smoothly 90 percent of the time. However, spinning cutters, as on a planer, sometimes catch wavy grain and tear out a pockmark. When this occurs, try reversing the board and taking a shallower cut.

• Yellow birch normally joints cleanly, but trying to decide grain direction to determine feed sometimes can be impossible. When in doubt as to feed direction, set table height for cuts of 1/16" to 1/8" and decide by trial and error.

• Nearly as dense as maple, yellow birch requires ripping with a rip-profile blade of 24 teeth or fewer to avoid clogging. A steady feed rate reduces burning.

• In crosscutting, steel finetoothed plywood blades work well to avoid splintering. Today's thinly veneered birch plywood splinters easily, too. Score the line to be cut or place masking tape on the kerf line and saw right through it.

• Back drill bits out frequently to clear the hole and avoid burning, especially in end grain.

• Use router bits with ballbearing pilots to avoid burning, and, if possible, rout slowly. Cross-grain cuts require shallow passes.

• Beware of squeeze-out when gluing. Dry glue, when scraped off, can grab the wood and tear it away. To detect squeeze-out, wipe the wood with paint thinner. And, don't let clamps contact squeeze-out—black stains result.

• Wipe yellow birch with a damp cloth to raise grain prior to staining or clear-finishing. Sand, then stain. When grain has a differing color or pattern, expect uneven staining, or first prepare the surface with a product such as Minwax Wood Conditioner. Carving comments

• Yellow birch, although hard, does take fine detail and has its place in relief work. It requires special handling, however.

• Gouge bevels (15° to 20°) dull quickly. Keep a sharp edge with a 10° bevel on the *back side*.

• Wavy grain will be more difficult to carve because the wavy areas will be harder than the plain.

• Power carvers should not begin with coarse-cutting burrs—the wood splinters. Use medium-cut burrs, then follow with finer ones.

Turning tips

Yellow birch couldn't be easier to turn with sharp tools, aside from these exceptions:

Scraping can produce splinters.

• Sanding the wood on the lathe across grain produces scratches. Instead, wipe with a damp cloth, then stop the lathe and sand with the grain using fine paper.

SHOP-TESTED TECHNIQUES THAT ALWAYS WORK

Any exceptions, and special tips pertaining to this issue's featured wood species, appear under beadings elsewhere on this page.

• For stability in use, always work wood with a maximum moisture content of 8 percent.

• Feed straight-grained wood into planer knives at a 90° angle. To avoid tearing, feed wood with figured or twisted grain at a slight angle (about 15°), and take shallow cuts of about ½2″.

• For clean cuts, rip with a rip- 15° to 20°—and shallow cuts.

profile blade that has 24-32 teeth. For crosscutting, use a blade with about 40 teeth.

• Avoid drilling with twist drills. They tend to wander and cause breakout. Use a backing board under the workpiece.

Drill pilot holes for screws.

 Rout with sharp, preferably carbide-tipped, bits and take shallow passes to avoid burning.

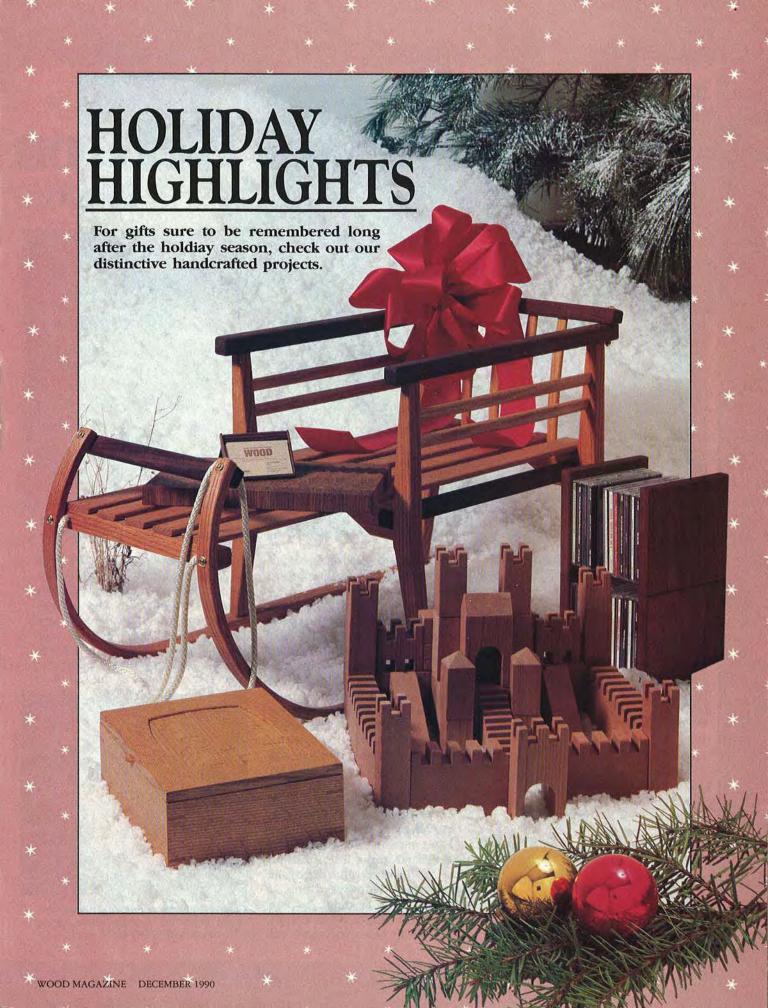
 Carving hardwoods generally means shallow gouge bevels—
 15° to 20°—and shallow cuts. YELLOW BIRCH AT A GLANCE

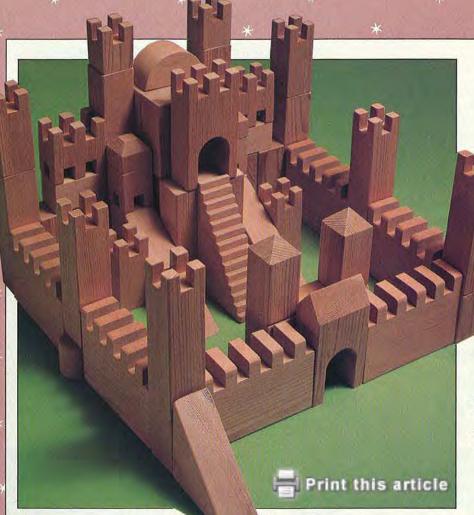
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Look-alike Cherry, maple

Illustrations: Steve Schindler

Compiled with woodworkers Jim Boelling, George Granseth, Else Bigton, and carver Phil Odden





Note: We cut all the castle pieces from 2×4 and 2×6 clear-heart redwood. Pine or fir also would work.

Let's cut some parts to get this kingdom off the ground

Cut parts A, B, and C to the sizes listed in the Bill of Materials. Using the Parts View Drawing for reference, mark a 1½" radius with a compass, centered along the

bottom edge of part C. Bandsaw the radiused opening to shape, and save the cutout.

2 Cut a piece of $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-thick stock to $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Mark a diagonal from one corner to another, and bandsaw the block into two triangles for parts D. Repeat the process with a $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ " block for parts E.

3 Cut part F to size. Lay out the radiused opening, bandsaw it to shape, and save the cutout. Mark the angled roof lines and bandsaw them to shape.

Less than a knight needed to dado the notches and grooves

Cut parts G, H, I, and J to the sizes listed in the Bill of Materials. Cut parts K and L to the thickness and width listed plus 3" in length. Parts K and L are cut extra long for safety when cutting the dadoes in the next step.

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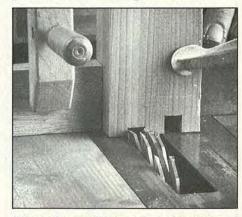
A BUILDING-When Christmastime

when Christmastime rolled around last year, I wasn't sure a made-in-the-woodshop castle would stand a chance against celebrity dolls and sleek plastic toys. But, my two young daughters, with their active imaginations, have since reassured me. They've spent

so much time building and rebuilding castle after castle that several other Christmas gifts do little more than gather dust.

Marlen Kemmet

2 Attach a wooden fence to your miter gauge and a ½" dado blade to your tablesaw. Cut the ¾"-deep dadoes in parts G through L where shown on the Parts View Drawing and as shown in the photo below. (We used a stop block to position and support the pieces when making the cuts.)



Clamp the castle piece to an auxiliary fence fastened to your miter gauge when cutting the dadoes.

to the Round Table

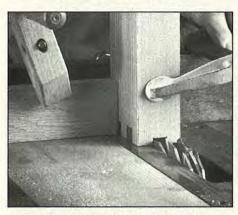
BLOCK CASTLE FOR YOUR LITTLE PRINCE OR PRINCESS



Angle-cut the ends of a 12" length of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square stock to form the pointed ends on each part K-For safety, we started with an extra-long piece.

3 Cut ½" dadoes ¾" deep, centered in the ends of parts H through I, as shown below. Crosscut parts K and I to the length listed in the Bill of Materials.

4 Using a compass, mark the radius and cut the opening in part H to shape. Save the cutout.



Determine the location, and clamp a stop block to your miter-gauge fence to position and support the castle pieces when machining the centered dado.

Cut a few more parts, and let the fun begin

Cut parts M, N, and O to size. 2 To form the pointed ends on parts P, start by cutting a piece 11/2" square by 12" long. Then, tilt your tablesaw blade 45° from vertical. Using your miter gauge with a stop block clamped in place, cut the pointed ends on each end of the 12"-long piece as shown in the photo above. Crosscut two Ps to length from the 12"-long piece. 3 For parts Q, cut a piece of 11/2"square stock to 6" long. Bevel-cut both ends to the shape shown on the Parts View Drawing. Trim one part Q from each end of the 6"long piece.

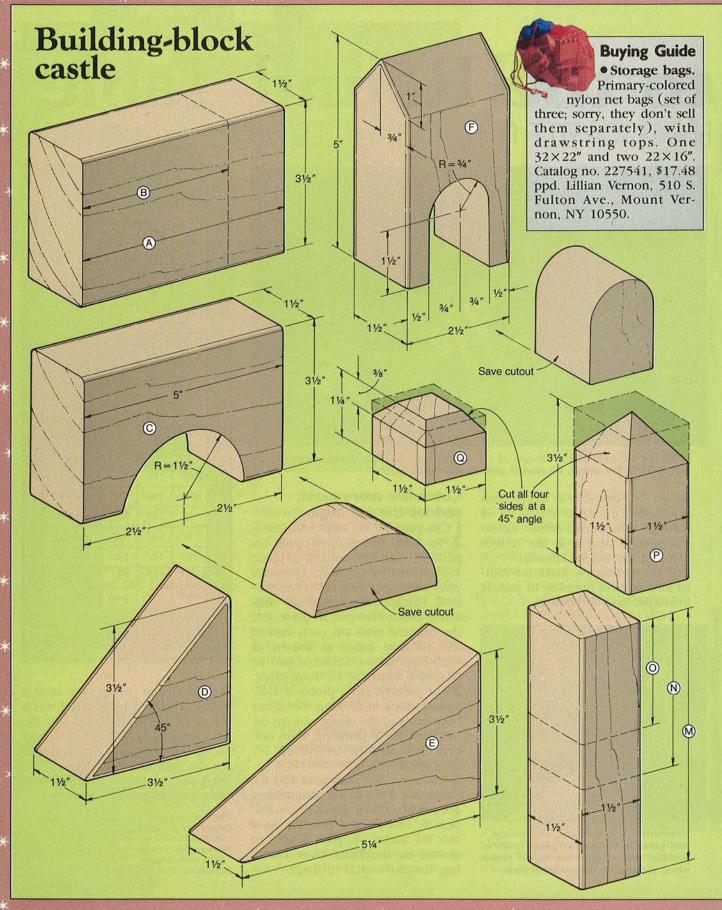
4 To make the staircases (R, S), crosscut a 2×4 to 12" long. Using a combination square, mark ½ ×½" steps on part R and ½ ×¾" steps on part S where shown on the Parts View Drawing. Bandsaw each to shape.

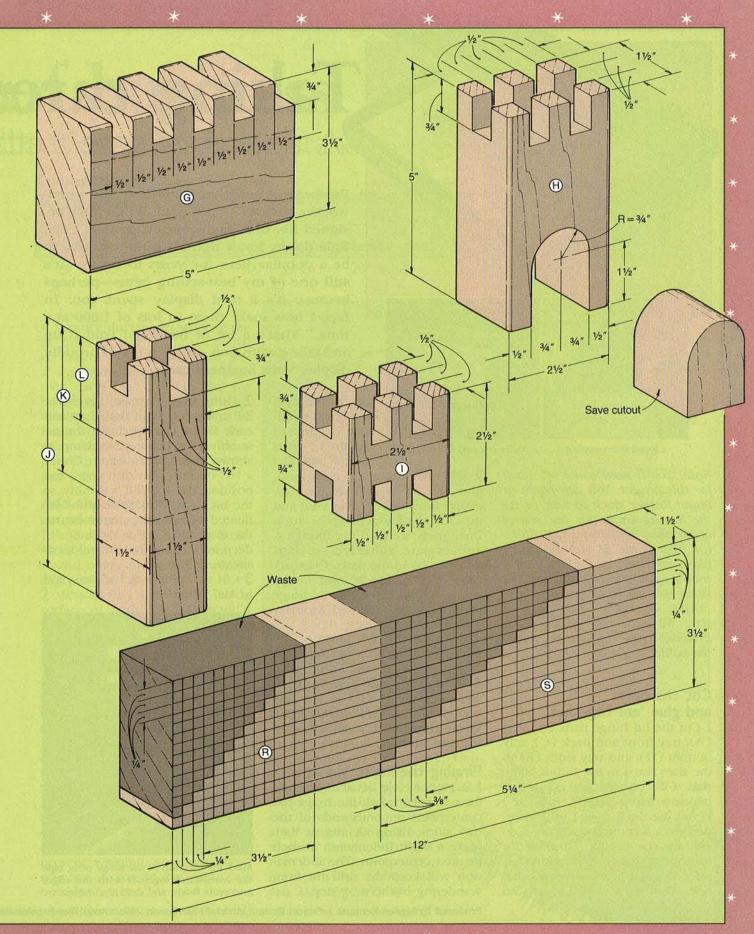
Bill of Materials									
Part	Fin	ished Siz	re*	Material					
	T	W	L	Muleria	Otty.				
A	11/2"	31/2"	5"	redwood	4				
В	11/2"	31/2"	31/2"	redwood	4				
С	11/2"	31/2"	5″	redwood	1				
D*	11/2"	31/2"	31/2"	redwood	2				
E*	11/2"	31/2"	51/4"	redwood	2				
F	11/2"	21/2"	5"	redwood	1				
G	11/2"	31/2"	5"	redwood	6				
Н	11/2"	21/2"	5"	redwood	1				
1	11/2"	21/2"	21/2"	redwood	2				
J	11/2"	11/2"	6"	redwood	4				
K*	11/2"	11/2"	31/2"	redwood	4				
L*	11/2"	11/2"	2"	redwood	4				
М	11/2"	11/2"	6"	redwood	4				
N	11/2"	11/2"	31/2"	redwood	6				
0	11/2"	11/2"	21/2"	redwood	4				
P*	11/2"	11/2"	31/2"	redwood	2				
Q*	11/2"	11/2"	11/4"	redwood	2				
R*	11/2"	31/2"	31/2"	redwood	1				
S*	11/2"	3½"	51/4"	redwood	1				

*Initially cut parts marked with an * oversized. Then, trim each to finished size according to the how-to instructions.

5 Sand all the pieces (we used a palm sander and sanded each piece with 100- and 150-grit paper, forming a slight round-over on all edges). Use a drum sander for the radiused openings. If desired, apply a finish (we left ours unstained and unfinished).

Produced by Marlen Kemmet Project Design: Donald "Sandy" McNab, McNab Puzzles/Designs, Sanger, Calif. Photographs: Hopkins Associates; John Hetherington Illustrations: Kim Downing; Bill Zaun







Business is booming for Wisconsin woodworker Michael Mikutowski. When Mike designed his first business-card case in 1986, little did he know that it would continue to be a popular item for years to come. "It's still one of my best-selling items-perhaps because it's a neat display stand, too. In fact, I now make them in lots of 1,000 at a time." That's a lot of business! Fold it up and take it with you, or open it and proudly display your business cards.





Closed for carrying

Fully opened for display

Note: You'll need some 1/8" stock for this project. You can plane or resaw thicker stock to size, or see the Buying Guide for our source of morado, sometimes call Bolivian rosewood. If you resaw or plane your own stock, let it sit a couple of days to see if it cups. The stock you use must remain flat.

Also, business cards vary in size. We built our bolder for a 21/8x31/2" card. Adjust the size of the holder to fit your cards.

Cut the parts and glue 'em together

Cut the lid hinge parts (A), top (B), tray front and back (C), tray bottom (D), and tray sides (E) to the sizes listed in the Bill of Materials. (We cut the pieces on our tablesaw using a thin-kerf blade.) If you use the Buying Guide to order stock (enough for four boxes), see the Cutting Diagram for minimum waste. (We found it safer to cut the the narrow parts first. Also, we clamped a stop on

our radial-arm saw fence to ensure consistent lengths of parts A, B, C, and D.)

2 With the edges and ends flush, glue the lid-hinge parts (A) together face to face. (For ease and quickness of assembly of such small parts, we used gap-filling cyanoacrylate adhesive-instant glue—to bond the parts. Cyanoacrylate is available at most hobby shops. To clamp the tiny lid-hinge parts together, we used ordinary wooden clothespins.)

3 To form the lid, glue the lid hinge (A) flush with the back edge and ends of the lid top (B). 4 To form the tray, glue the front and back pieces (C) to the tray bottom (D). Keep the ends flush. Then, glue the tray sides (E) to the tray assembly.

Pinning the lid to the tray

Using the Hole Detail at far right for reference, mark the hinge-pin centerpoint on both ends of the tray sides. Using an awl or nail, make a slight indentation at each marked centerpoint. The indentation will keep the drill bit from wandering in the next step.

2 Using masking tape, fasten the lid to the tray with the edges and ends flush. Lightly clamp the assembly in a handscrew clamp as shown in the photo below. Chuck a 1/16" bit into your drill press, and position the tray/lid assembly so the bit aligns directly over the indented hinge-pin centerpoint on the tray side. Drill a 1/16" hole 1/2" deep in both ends of the holder as shown in the photo.

3 Cut two pieces of 1/16" brass rod to %16" long.



Mark the location of the hinge pins, tape the assemblies together with the edges and ends flush, and drill 1/16" holes.

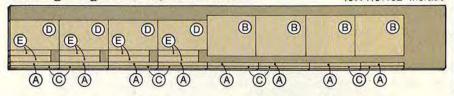
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of business

doubles as a display stand

Cutting Diagram (Enough for four cases)

1/8 × 41/2 × 32" Morado



	Bi	Bill of Materials									
Part		F	7								
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A	lid hinge	1/4"	5/16"	35/8"	LM	1					
В	lid top	1/8"	3"	35/8"	М	1					
С	tray back & front	1/8"	3/16"	35/8"	М	2					
D	tray bottom	1/8"	21/2"	35/8"	М	1					
E	tray sides	1/8"	7/16	3"	М	2					

Material Key: LM-laminated morado, M-morado

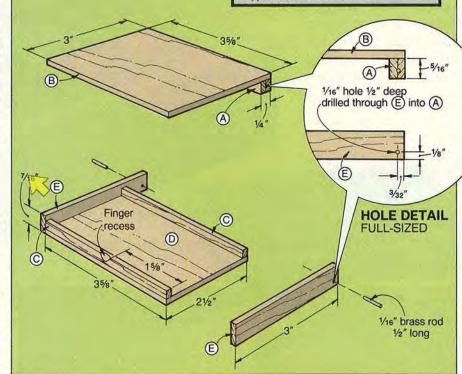
Supplies: 1/16" brass rod, finish.

4 Remove the tape to separate the lid from the tray. Using the pointed end of a pin or toothpick, put a small amount of instant glue into each 1/16" hole in the lid hinge (A). Insert the pins through the tray sides (E) and into the lid hinge to pin the lid to the tray sides. Sand the ends of the brass pins flush with the surface of the tray sides.

Add the finger recess, round-overs, and finish

Sand all surfaces and ends flush. Close the lid, and sand or rout 1/8" round-overs along the outside edges of the case.

2 Measure in 15%" from the inside surface of both E's, and mark a pair of lines on the tray front (C) to locate the finger recess where shown on the drawing. Wrap 150-grit sandpaper around a 3/8" dowel, and sand between the lines to form the finger recess. (The size of the recess depends on personal preference. For those with small fingers, a shallow recess was sufficient. We recommend a deeper and wider recess for someone with larger fingers.) 3 Finish-sand the holder (inside and out) and apply the finish of your choice, rubbing lightly with steel wool between coats. To help prevent warping, apply an equal number of coats to the inside and



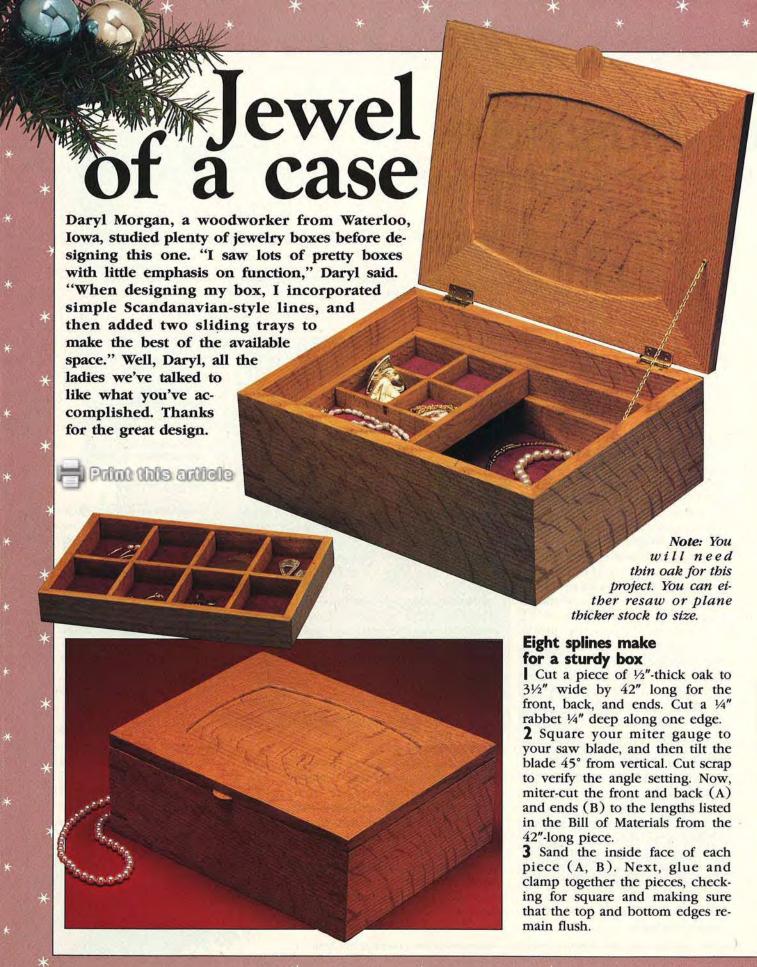
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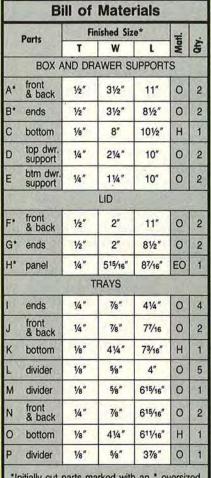
call 215/759-2837.

• Exotic wood. $\frac{1}{6} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 32^{\prime\prime}$ morado (enough for four boxes), \$7.95 ppd for one piece, two pieces for \$12.95 ppd, or three pieces for \$16.95 ppd. Add \$1 for a 6" length of $\frac{1}{16}$ " solid brass rod (for the hinges) or \$2 for a 12" length of rod. Woodworkers' Dream, 510 Sycamore Street, Box 329, Nazareth, PA 18064, or

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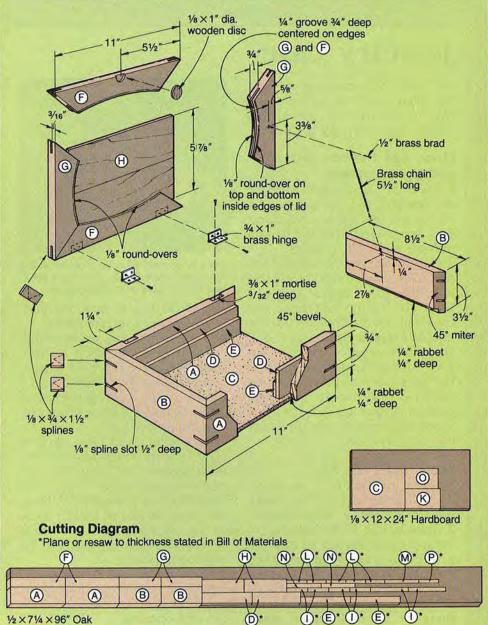




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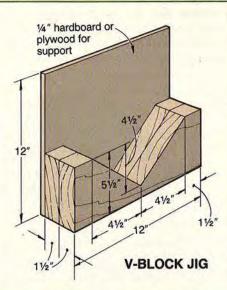
Material Key: O—oak, EO—edge-joined oak, H—hardboard

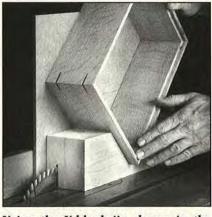
Supplies: 34×1" brass broad hinges (Stanley CD5302), ½"×17 finish nails, velour fabric, spray-on adhesive or carpet tape, necklace chain, 2—3/6" brass brads, stain, finish.



4 Using the drawing at right as a guide, build a V-block jig. Now, raise the tablesaw blade 1½" above the surface of the saw table. Position the fence 1" from the inside edge of the saw blade and cut a pair of slots in each corner of the mitered box as shown in the photo at far right.

5 To form the splines, cut a piece of ½8" stock (we resawed thicker stock) to ¾4" wide by 22" long. Then, crosscut twelve 1½" long splines from the stock. Glue a spline into each slot in the box. After the glue dries, trim the splines (we used a dovetail saw)





Using the V-block jig shown in the drawing at left for support, cut a pair of spline slots in each corner of the box.

Jewelry case

1/16" from the surfaces of the box and then sand the splines flush. (You'll use the four remaining splines when forming the lid.)

Now, add the box bottom and tray supports

From 1/8" hardboard, measure the opening and cut the bottom (C) to size less 1/16" in each direction. Temporarily tape the bottom into the rabbeted opening.

2 Cut the tray supports (D, E) to size. (We resawed thicker stock to ½" thick.) Glue the top tray supports (D) to the box front and back, but not the bottom (C). The taped-in-place hardboard will keep the bottom of the tray support flush with the top edge of the ½" rabbet. Remove the bottom as soon as you clamp the supports in place. After the glue dries, repeat the process with the lower tray supports (E).

Next, build the lid

Let use 42'' stock to $2 \times 42''$. Miter-cut the lid front, back, and ends (F, G) to length.

2 Transfer the curve patterns to the top inside surface of each lid piece. Bandsaw the curves smooth. Sand the bandsawed edge to remove the saw marks.

3 Rout or sand 1/8" round-overs along the top and bottom inside curved edge of each lid piece.

4 Fit your tablesaw with a ¼" dado blade. Now, position the fence so the dado blade will cut a ¼" rabbet centered along the curved edge of each lid piece.

5 With double-faced (carpet) tape, adhere a piece of thin hardboard or plywood to your saw top and butted against the fence. Start the saw, and raise the dado blade 3/4" above the surface of the hardboard. The hardboard acts as a zero-clearance insert and keeps the bottom edge of the lid parts from falling into the slot around the blade as they would with a standard blade insert. The insert



Cut a ¼" groove ¾" deep centered along the inside-curved edge of each lid piece. Use a push stick to feed the stock.

also allows you to smoothly push the lid pieces over the blade.

6 As shown in the photo above, cut a 1/4" groove 3/4" deep centered along the inside (curved) edge of each lid piece (F, G). (We used a feather board to keep the pieces firmly against the fence when cutting the groove.)

7 For the lid panel (H), resaw or plane thicker stock for two ¼"-thick pieces 3×9". Glue the two pieces edge to edge. Now, trim the panel to 5½6×8½6" long. The panel should fit slightly loose in the assembled lid, allowing it to expand without splitting the mitered lid joints.

8 Check the fit, and then glue and clamp the lid pieces, allowing the panel to float (no glue) in the grooved opening.

9 Using the spline jig, cut a 1/8" spline slot 1/2" deep centered in each corner of the lid. Using the splines cut earlier, glue them in place; trim and sand them flush.

Hinge the lid, and form the finger pull

Mark the location and form a pair of $3/8 \times 1''$ mortises on the top edge of the box back (A). (We cut the mortise outlines with an X-acto knife and removed the waste with a sharp 1/4'' chisel.)

2 With a Forstner bit, drill a 1" hole 1/8" deep on the bottom side of the lid where shown on the Hole Detail accompanying the Exploded-View Drawing.

3 Using a plug cutter or bandsaw, cut a 1"-diameter plug from 1/8" stock. Glue the plug into the recess noting the grain direction shown on the Exploded-View Drawing. Sand the bottom surface flush with the bottom of the lid.

Assemble the two trays

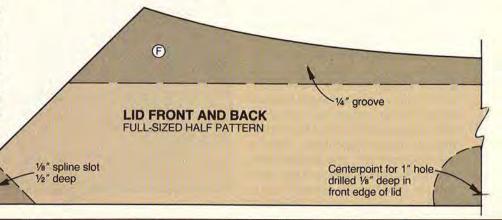
Cut the tray pieces (I thru P) to size. Mark the locations and cut 1/8" kerfs in parts L, M, and P where shown on the Tray Drawings. (We raised our tablesaw blade 1/16" above the saw table and used a miter gauge with an auxiliary fence to cut the kerfs.)

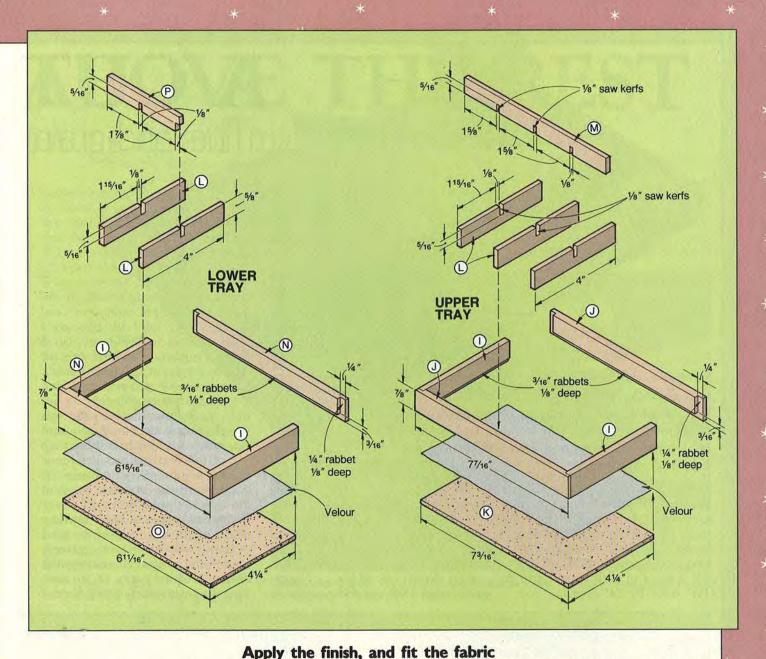
2 Cut ¼" rabbets ½" deep along the *ends* of parts J and N. Form ¾16" rabbets ½" deep along the *bottom* edge of parts I, J, and N.

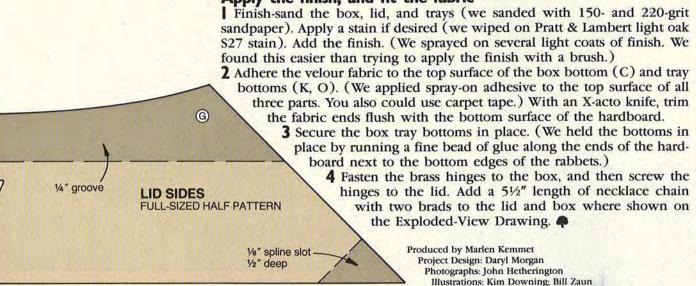
3 Cut the tray bottoms (K, O) to size from 1/8" hardboard.

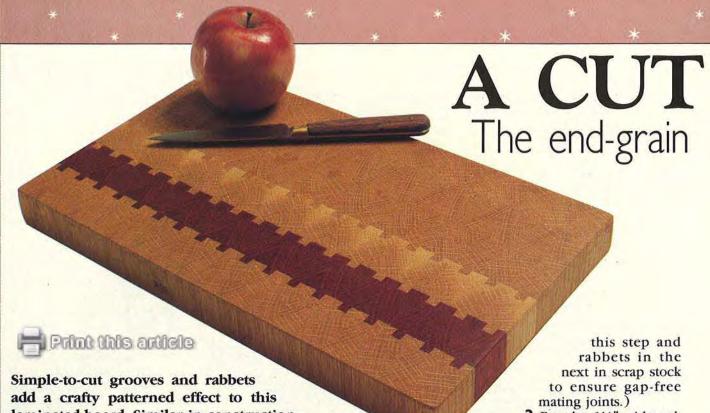
4 Glue each divider assembly (L/M and L/P). Then, glue together each tray, checking for square.
5 Hand-sand the trays and divider assemblies smooth. Glue the di-

viders in place in each tray.









laminated board. Similar in construction to a butcher's table, our cutting board will be around for years and years of cutting, dicing, and mincing.

From 3/4"-thick stock, rip and crosscut four strips of oak and one strip of a darker-colored hardwood (we used padauk; walnut also would work) to 11/2" wide by 24" long. Cut a fifth oak strip to 11/4" wide by 24" long.

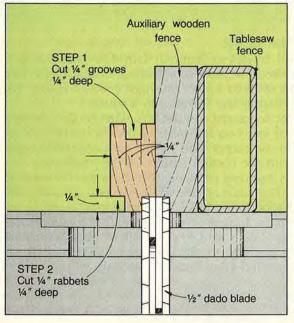
2 Attach an auxiliary fence and a 1/4" dado blade to your tablesaw. Follow Step 1 of the drawing below to cut 1/4" grooves 1/4" deep centered along one edge of all the strips except one of the 11/2"-wide oak strips. (We cut the grooves in

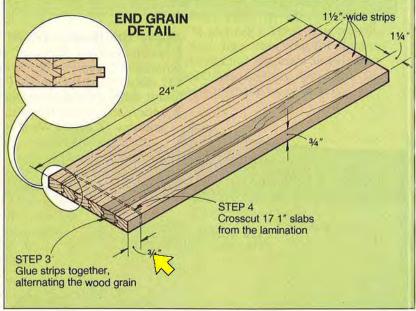
3 Put the 1¼"-wide oak strip aside. Now, switch to a ½" dado blade and use Step 2 of the drawing as a reference to cut a pair of 1/4" rabbets 1/4"

deep along the opposite edge of

the five 11/2"-wide strips.

4 Spread glue on the mating edges of the six strips (we used yellow woodworker's glue). Clamp the strips, alternating the direction of the grain, in the configuration shown on Step 3 and





ABOVE THE REST

cutting board makes one striking gift

accompanying End Grain Detail. For ease in gluing and clamping the individual slabs later, check that the lamination is flat; reclamp if necessary. Leave the strips clamped overnight.

5 Remove the clamps and scrape off the excess glue. Carefully belt-sand or scrape both surfaces flat. (We used the edge of a framing square to check for flatness.)

6 Crosscut the lamination into 17 1"-long slabs where shown in Step 4 of the drawing. (As shown in the photo at *right*, we clamped a stop to our tablesaw fence, and then positioned the inside edge of the blade 1" from the outside surface of the stop.)

7 Position the pieces next to each other in the order they were cut. Then, flip every other piece to obtain the V-shaped grain configuration shown on Step 5 of the drawing and the project photo.

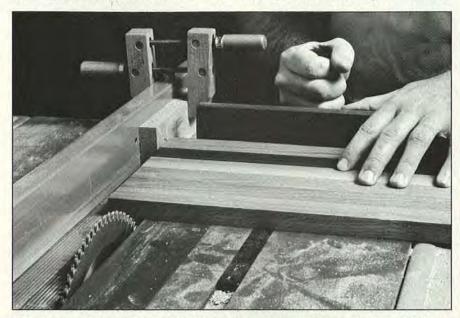
8 With the surfaces and ends flush, glue and clamp the slabs with the end grain facing up (we

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used bar clamps). Again, let the lamination sit overnight before removing the clamps.

9 Sand the cutting board smooth and apply the finish. (We used

Behlen's Salad Bowl Finish; a vegetable oil or mineral oil also would work, but we found that several coats of Behlen's completely fills the open-grained oak.)



Clamp a scrap block to your rip fence for use as a stop to ensure equal-length pieces. The guard was removed for photo clarity.

Buying Guide

Behlen's Salad Bowl Finish.
Safe for wooden bowls, plates, and eating utensils. One pint, \$9 ppd. (\$12 U.S. funds for Canadian orders), catalog no. 85006. Armor Products, Box 445, East Northport, NY 11731.

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Oh what fun Snow-loving it is to ride our Snow-loving





Minnesotans don't hibernate during winter; they march right outdoors and celebrate it. And in the Land of 10,000 Lakes and a lot of snow, we found this classic sleigh that stands up to the abuses of winter—and kids. After eight years of "testing" by his three children, Keith Raivo is ready to share his design with other WOOD® magazine readers.

open sleigh



First, laminate the runners

From 3/4" particleboard or plywood, construct a bending form like the one dimensioned on the Bending Form Drawing.

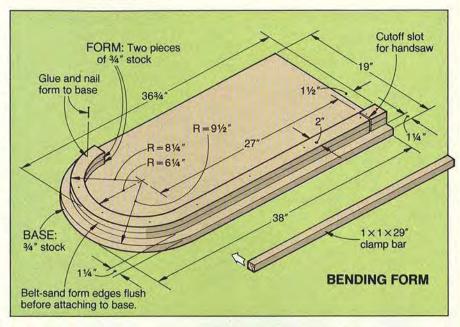
2 From straight-grained 1½16"-thick oak, rip 12 strips (this includes two extra strips in case of breakage) ½" thick by 52" long for the runners (A). The pieces are cut long and trimmed to length later.

3 Cover the form with waxed paper to prevent the strips from sticking (see the photo at *right* for reference). Then, cut a $1 \times 1''$ scrap clamp bar 29" long.

4 Spread glue on the mating surfaces of five runner strips. For joints that will stand up to the extremes of Mother Nature, use either slow-set epoxy or resorcinol glue. Place the 52"-long strips against the form and flush with the straight end of the form. Then, position the clamp bar on the outside edge of the strips. Starting at the end with the cutoff slot, clamp the strips to the form, keeping the edges flush as shown in the photo at *right*. Let the lamination sit overnight.

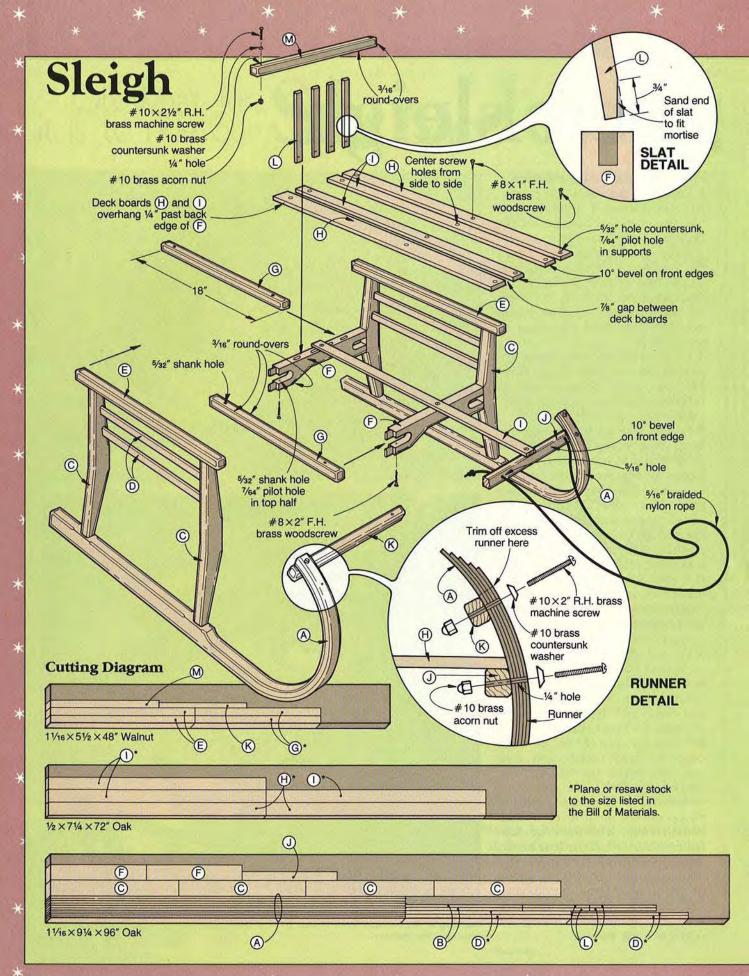
5 Cut the tail end of the laminated runner to length with a backsaw, using the cut-off slot in the bending form. Remove the clamps and clamp bar. Repeat the process to make a second runner.

6 Scrape the squeeze-out from the edges of each runner and then sand the edges smooth. Cut the runner caps (B) to the size stated in the Bill of Materials. Glue and clamp one of them to each laminated runner, with the edges and tail ends flush. Later, cut or sand a slight curve on the top front edge of the runner cap where shown on the Runner Detail accompanying the Side Assembly Drawing. Rout 3/16" round-overs along the edges of each runner.





Starting at the straight end, clamp five 1/8"-thick oak strips to the bending form to laminate the runner.

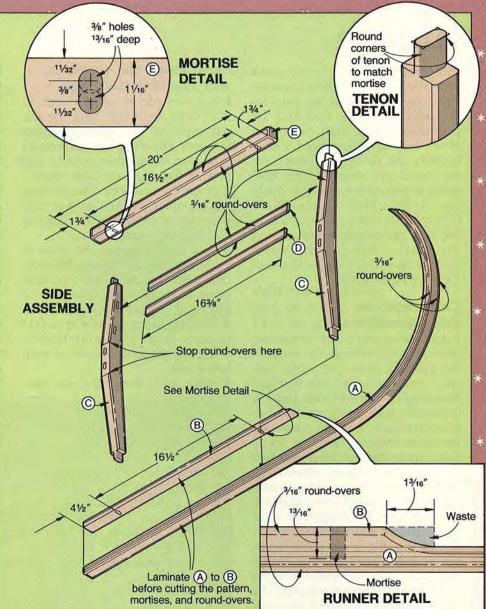


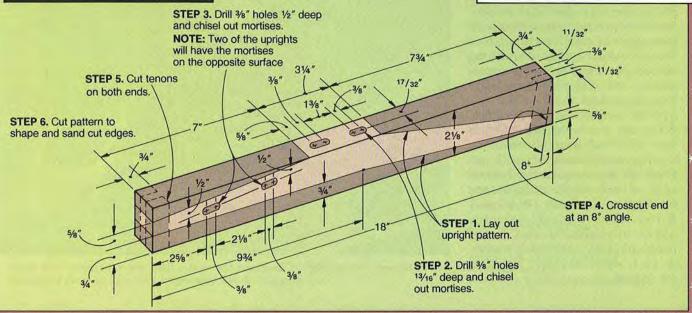
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Parts		Fir	ished Siz	re*	¥						
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A*	runners	5/8"	11/16"	48"	LO	2					
В	runner caps	1/2"	11/16"	231/2"	0	2					
С	uprights	11/16"	21/8"	18"	0	4					
D	side slats	3/8"	3/4"	163/8"	0	4					
E	rails	11/16"	11/16"	20"	W	2					
F	slat supports	11/16"	21/2"	131/2"	0	.2					
G	rails	1"	1"	18"	W	2					
н	deck boards	3/8"	2"	31¾"	0	2					
I	deck boards	3/8"	11/2"	31¾"	0	3					
J	support	11/16"	11/16"	131/2"	0	1					
K	support	3/4"	11/16"	121/2"	W	1					
L	backrest slats	3/8"	3/4"	91/4"	0	4					
М	backrest rail	11/16"	11/16"	151/2"	w	1					

*Initially cut parts marked with an * oversized. Then, trim each to finished size according to the how-to instructions.

Material Key: LO-laminated oak, O-oak, W-walnut

Supplies: waxed paper, #8×1" flathead brass wood screws, #8×2" flathead brass wood screws, #10×2" roundhead brass machine screws, #10×2½" roundhead brass machine screws, #10 brass countersunk washers, #10 brass acorn nuts, clear exterior finish, 5/16" braided nylon rope 6' long.





Sleigh

7 Mark the mortise locations on each runner where shown on the Side Assembly Drawing and accompanying Mortise Detail on the previous page. Drill 3/8" holes 13/16" deep where marked. (After marking the mortise locations, we set the depth stop on our drill press to ensure a consistent depth from hole to hole. We also found it helpful to clamp the runners to the drill press-table when drilling the holes.) Remove the waste stock with a sharp chisel to finish forming each mortise.

Construct the side assemblies next

Cut four pieces of 11/16" oak stock to 21/8" wide by 18" long for the uprights. Now, follow the six-step procedure on the Upright Drawing on the previous page to form the four uprights (C). As noted in Step 3 of the drawing, make the uprights in pairs. To do this, mark the 1/2"-deep mortises on opposite surfaces of two uprights—when the uprights are in the position shown on the Exploded-View Drawing, the mortises need to face each other.

2 With a file and sandpaper, round the square edges of the upright tenons where shown on the Tenon Detail accompanying the Side Assembly Drawing.

3 Cut the side slats (D) to size. Rout 3/16" round-overs along all four edges of each slat. Then, rout the same-sized round-overs along the edges of the uprights where shown on the Side Assembly Drawing. Check the fit of the slats into the mortises in the uprights.

4 Cut the walnut top rails (E) to size. Rout 3/16" round-overs along the edges and ends of each rail. Form the mortises on the bottom edge of each where dimensioned on the Side Assembly Drawing.

5 Dry-clamp the side-assembly pieces to check the fit. Trim if necessary. Glue and clamp together each side assembly, checking for square.

Now, shape the supports, and assemble the sleigh

Cut two pieces of $1\frac{1}{6}$ oak to $2\frac{1}{2}$ wide by $13\frac{1}{2}$ long for the slat supports (F). Using the Slat Support Drawing for reference, mark the slat-support outline and mortise locations on each piece.

2 Form the mortises. (To do this, we clamped a fence to our drill press and then drilled overlapping holes where marked.)

3 Cut rabbets across the ends of each slat support to form the tenons. Then, bandsaw the two supports to shape. Drum-sand the pieces to remove the saw marks.

4 Cut the lower walnut rails (G) to size. Rout 3/16" round-overs along the edges and ends of each lower rail.

5 Glue and clamp the slat supports between the two side assemblies, checking for square. Slide the lower rails into the notches in the slat supports and clamp them in place. The front edge of each rail should sit ¼" in front of the front face of the front support. To secure the walnut rails (you'll want to work from the bottom side), drill the holes and drive the screws in place (see the Exploded-View Drawing for reference).

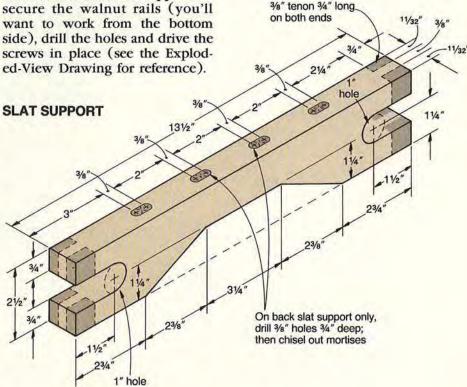
It's time to add the deck boards

Lout the deck boards (H, I) to size, beveling the front ends at 10°. Cut the front deck-board support (J) to size, bevel-ripping the front edge at 10° where shown on the Exploded-View Drawing.

2 Rout or sand a 1/8" round-over along the edges (but not the ends) of each deck board. Switch bits, and rout 3/16" round-overs on the deck-board support (J).

3 Locate and mark the center of each deck-board support. Then, drill the holes and fasten the deck boards to the deck-board supports, starting with the center deck board and working outward. See the Exploded-View Drawing for reference. From outside edge to outside edge, the total width of the deck should equal 12".

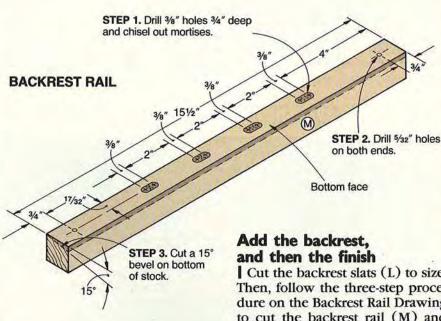
4 Position the assembly on the sleigh. Then, mark the location and fasten the deck boards to the supports (F).



5 Clamp a 2×4 to an outside deck board where shown in the photo below. (The 2×4 keeps the deck board straight.) Using the Runner Detail accompanying the Exploded-View Drawing for reference, drill the holes and screw the runner to the deck-board support (J). (To prevent the acorn nuts from working loose over time, we put a drop of epoxy in each nut before mating it with the machine screw.) Move the 2×4 to the other outside deck board and repeat the process.

6 Cut the top support (K) to size. Drill the holes and fasten it to the runners where shown on the Runner Detail.

7 With a fine-toothed saw, trim the top of each runner flush with the top of the runner support.





Mark the centerpoint and drill a hole for fastening the deck-board support to the laminated runner. The 2×4 helps keep the deck boards flat.

Cut the backrest slats (L) to size. Then, follow the three-step procedure on the Backrest Rail Drawing to cut the backrest rail (M) and locate and form its mortises.

2 Sand the bottom front end of the slats to fit into the mortises in the rear support (F). See the Slat Detail accompanying the Exploded-View Drawing for reference.

3 Glue the backrest slats into the mortises in the rear support (F). Now, fit the backrest rail (M) onto the top of the slats. Drill the holes and fasten the backrest rail to the top ends of the top rails.

4 Drill a pair of 5/16" holes in the deck-board support (J) where shown on the Exploded-View Drawing to accept the pull rope. 5 Sand the sleigh. Apply the finish (we used three coats of clear exterior polyurethane, steel-wooling between coats). Add the braided nylon rope. Apply paraffin or ski wax to the bottom of the runners for added ease in sliding.

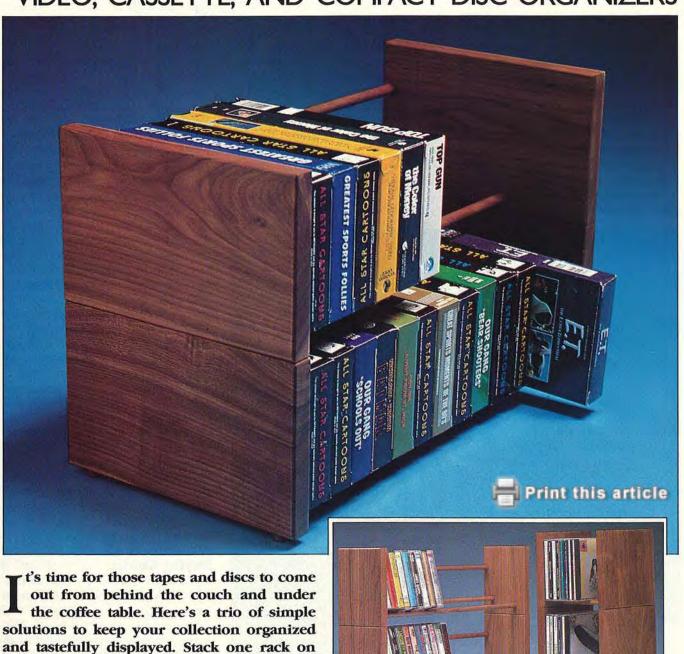
Buying Guide

• Slow-set epoxy. One 8-oz. bottle of resin and one 8-oz. bottle of hardener, catalog no. WM30, \$18 ppd. System Three Resins, P.O. Box 70436, Seattle, WA 98107.

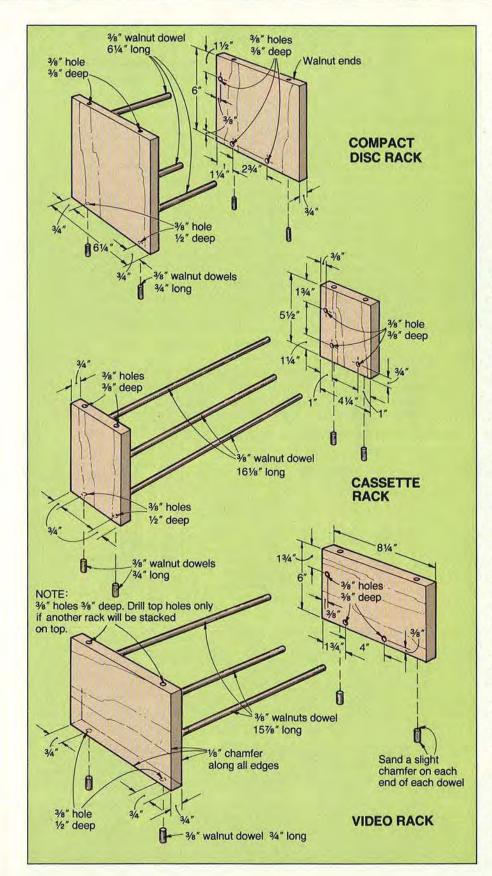
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top of the other to increase your storage space as your collection grows. Or, if you're just starting out, build a single organizer now and construct more as you need them.



Note: The following instructions are for the video rack shown below left. To build the cassette or compact-disc rack, refer to the drawings for each and to the note concerning the hole locations on the drawings.

From ¾"-thick stock (we used walnut), cut the rack ends to 6" wide by 8¼" long. When cutting the ends to size, note the grain direction shown in the photo on

the opposite page.

2 Mark the hole centerpoints on the inside face of each endpiece. (We put the surface with the nicest grain pattern on the outside.) An easy way to ensure your holes align is to mark and drill the holes in one endpiece, and then use dowel centers to transfer the hole locations to the other endpiece.

3 If you plan to stack the units as shown on the opposite page, mark the hole locations on the top and bottom edges where dimensioned on the drawing. Don't drill holes in the top edge of the uppermost unit. Rout or sand a 1/8" chamfer along all edges.

4 Drill 36" holes 36" deep at each marked centerpoint on the inside faces and 1/2" deep in the bottom and top edges where marked.

5 Using a stop for consistent lengths, cut three pieces of 3/8" walnut dowel to length for each rack. Sand a chamfer on each end of each dowel. Glue the dowels between the endpieces. (To avoid wobble in the finished rack, we clamped the endpieces to a flat surface so the bottom edges were level with each other.)

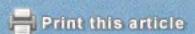
6 Cut ¾"-long pieces of ¾" dowel for the connecting dowels and feet. (To make your own dowels, see page 30.) Sand a chamfer on both ends of each dowel. Glue the dowels into the bottom edge (they slide into the holes in the top edge of the mating endpiece). Apply a clear finish. ♠

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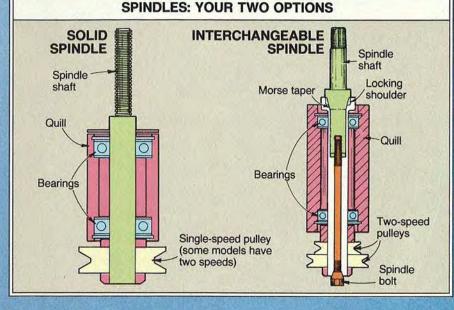
Like most cabinetmakers, WOOD® magazine's chief tool consultant, George Granseth, swears by his three shapershe couldn't stay in business without them. So, when George suggested that many of you readers might step up from a router table to one of these heavy-duty tools, we said, "OK, prove it." Not one to back away from a challenge, our tool wizard set about testing seven popular models and keeping track of each machine's performance. Here's what we found out.

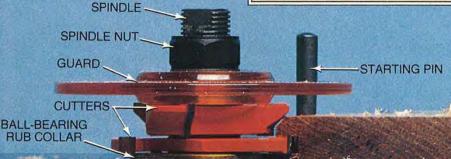


How a shaper works

In many ways, a shaper resembles a crossbreed between a tablesaw and a router table. Similar to the saw, a shaper has a flat, heavyduty table with a miter-gauge slot milled into it as shown in the photo below. You can make heavy cuts with a shaper because it has a powerful induction motor just as a tablesaw does. Like a router setup, a rotating spindle sticks through a hole in the table and holds various cutters.

As shown in the drawings below, the spindle shaft rotates inside a quill that contains large, heavy-duty ball bearings near its top and bottom. Most machines accept interchangeable spindles of ½" and ¾" diameters, and a few big models accept 1" or larger spindles. Many interchangeable quills also accommodate routerbit collets. The solid spindle mechanisms found on some lightduty, single-speed machines, usually have either ½" or ¾" shafts.





Machines that put muscle to the molding

You can raise or lower the spindle by as much as three inches on some larger shapers in one of two ways. As shown in the drawing below, most machines have a movable quill/motor assembly that raises or lowers as you turn the up/down adjustment handwheel. Some shapers have a simpler, movable-quill-only mechanism. With these, the motor remains stationary and the drive belt follows the up-anddown movement of the quill as it rides along a large drum pulley attached to the motor.

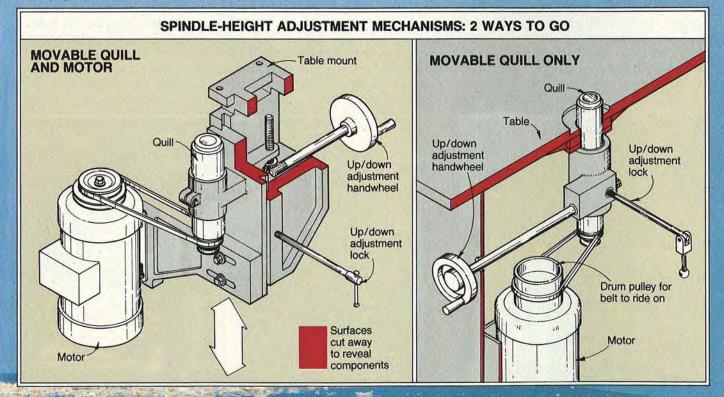
Is a shaper for you?

If you're planning a major cabinetry project, a shaper could pay for itself on that project alone. Why? Basically, a shaper picks up where a table-mounted router leaves off. Although routers work fine for edge details, template routing, and trimming, they don't have the necessary brawn for large-scale moldings, raised panels, long production runs, or any operation that removes hefty amounts of stock.

The muscle behind a shaper starts with its motor. Shapers have powerful, quiet, long-living induction motors that turn the spindle at between 7,000 and 10,000 rpm. In comparison, the high-pitched universal motors found in routers run at 20,000-plus rpm—way too fast for bits over 1½" in

diameter. Although some variablespeed routers turn as slow as 8,000 rpm, they have no greater torque at slow speeds because manufacturers reduce their rpm electronically instead of mechanically through gears or pulleys.

And, a 3-hp router has a lot less torque than a 3-hp shaper even at high speeds because universal motors just can't deliver the power of a capacitor-start induction motor. With a shaper, the motor's muscle transfers to a sturdy spindle that's better able to handle heavy cuts because of its extra mass and thickness compared to a router-bit shank. George Granseth remembers seeing a 3/4"-radius



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rounding-over bit with a ½" shank bend under the stress of a cut through oak. Loss: \$55. George has never seen that happen to a ¾" shaper spindle.

Finally, even the biggest routers don't have bearings as large as those found in small-shaper quills. Those big bearings, turning at slower speeds, last much longer than router bearings.

How much shaper do you need?

Once you decide to put down your hard-earned cash (anywhere from \$450-\$1,700) for a shaper, you're faced with lots of choices in size and capacity.

Spindle size: Most machines accept more than one spindle size, but make sure you buy one with a ¾" spindle. Manufacturers sell more cutters in this size than any other, and most home woodworkers can accomplish all of their work with ¾" cutters. Although you can buy bushings that will make ¾" cutters work on ½" spindles, you're better off with exact-fitting cutters and spindles. And remember, a ½" shaper spindle

has no more rigidity than a ½" router-bit shank.

Of the machines we tested, the Taiwanese-made Sunhill SP-101 had bearings, quills, spindles, and router collets that were more massive than any other machine, as shown below left. The Sunhill machines, along with the Kity and Jet units, had one more thing in their favor: smooth spindle shafts. As shown below, most spindles have threaded shafts, but we prefer solid contact between cutters and smooth shafts.

Horsepower: All of the machines in our test (from 1 to 3 hp) had enough oomph to make even raised-panel cuts in one pass through red oak. But, we used fresh, out-of-the box cutters. As your cutters dull, you'll appreciate the extra muscle of the 2- and 3-hp models for heavy cuts. Buy a 1- or 1½-hp model if you don't mind making multiple-pass cuts now and then.

Also, remember that all of the 3-hp models, and some of the 2-hp models, require 220 volts. If you don't have this service, adding it will cost you a few dollars.

Table dimensions: Keeping the size of your workpieces in mind, buy a shaper with a table large enough to help you control your work. The chart on page 60 shows whether you can buy extensions for the standard table size.

While you're thinking about tables, also pay attention to the size and number of insert openings that come with the machine you're considering. Bigger openings accommodate larger-diameter cutters, and having several different sizes means you can choose an insert that provides for maximum table support just beyond the cutter tips.

And, remember that starting pins come in handy for curved workpieces. Only the Delta 43-375 has both table and insert starting-pin holes as shown *below*.

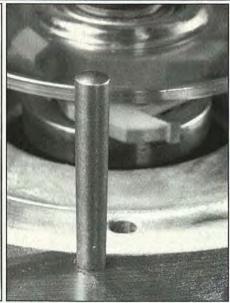
Quill travel: Although most shapers have about 3" of quill travel, some of the smaller machines, such as the Powermatic 23 and Sears 23941, have only 7%" of travel. Such limited movement shouldn't bother you if you don't mind spacing the cutters up and down with bushings.



Sunhill's quills, spindles (1¼" model at *left*) and router collets (½" model shown) were the heaviest such components in our test.



We prefer solid spindle shafts such as the one at *right* from the Sunhill SP-101.



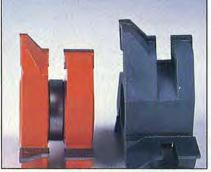
The Delta 43-375 has starter-pin holes in both the table and inserts—a handy accessory for curved workpieces.

Cutters: choices, choices

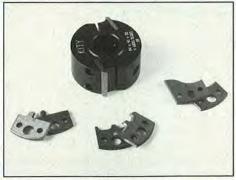
If you own a computer, you know that your investment in software can sometimes cost more than the basic machine. And as with computer programs, shaper cutters don't come cheap. So, it pays to make smart buys.

Carbide: Like saw blades, carbide-tipped shaper cutters stay sharp about 10 times longer than high-speed steel cutters, and have become the choice of most craftsmen. As shown in the photo at top left of two similar V-groove cutters, you can buy either multipiece or solid cutters. The multipiece sets offer greater versatility because you can switch around the individual cutters to achieve many different profiles. And, you can add bearings (called rub collars) between the cutters to expand their versatility.

We compared multi-piece sets made by the Freeborn Tool Company in Spokane, Washington, with solid, Taiwanese cutters from Grizzly Imports. Besides their greater versatility, the Freeborn



Freeborn's multi-piece V-groove cutter, left, and Grizzly's solid V-groover.



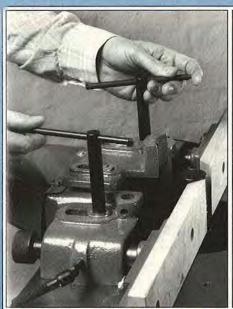
Kity's universal head has a ¾" bore and holds one of up to 40 different knives.

cutters had thicker tips, providing for greater cutter life.

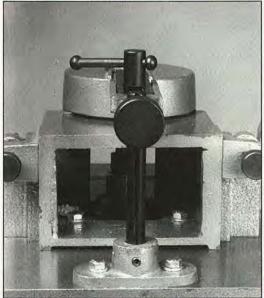
Although most professionals we've spoken to prefer Freeborn cutters, the choice may depend on your pocketbook: Freeborn cutters cost two to three times as much as imports. For example, one mail-order catalog charges about \$100 for a Freeborn raised-panel cutter. Grizzly raised-panel cutters cost \$49.95. Other major manufacturers and importers include DML, Delta, and Freud.

High-speed steel: You can't easily find solid steel cutters in a wide variety of profiles nowadays, unless you want to pay for custommade cutters. But, you can buy cutter heads that hold interchangeable knives such as the set from Kity as shown at *top right*. The universal head costs \$160 and a starter set of six patterns costs \$140. These sets work fine, but have only small-profile knives.

Tangtung: Freeborn describes this material as being a cross between carbide and high-speed steel because it lasts as long as carbide and approaches the sharpness of high-speed steel. But, you shouldn't use Tangtung cutters in any material containing resins or glue lines. Why? The glue lines will wear grooves in the knives and the resins will prematurely dull the edges.



You can remove the fence on the Jet JWS-34-1 with a few turns of its convenient handles.



You'll need a wrench to loosen the fence and guard on the Grizzly G1035. Arrows point to mounting bolts.

More points to consider before making a purchase

Fences: We prefer simple fences that adjust quickly and accurately and that don't require wrenches. The Jet JWS-34-1 shown at far left and Kity 623 had tube-mounted fences that pass our "hassle-free" criteria. In no time at all, you can remove both of these fences by turning a set of handles.

Interestingly, the manufacturer of the Grizzly G1026 and G1035 shapers copied the design of the Powermatic 26 right down to some shortcomings in the fence. As shown at *near left*, the Grizzly machine requires a wrench for unbolting the fence and ring guard. Also, the ring guard's mounting rod blocks the rectangular dust chute, making dust collection a tricky task.

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Sliding tables: This accessory will add several hundred dollars to the cost of your shaper, but it makes for smooth and safe endgrain cuts. The reason: Once you clamp your workpiece to the carriage, it can't lift or bind. Jet, Kity, and Sunhill sell sliding-table models for less than \$2,000.

Speed changes: Of all the machines in our test, only the Kity 623 had three speeds, with a lowend speed of 5,500 rpm (1,500 rpm slower than other models we tested). We also found speed changes easier on this machine than any other. As shown below right, with the Kity you simply pull on a handle to loosen the belt and make a 10-second change.

Switches: Most shapers have two switches: ON/OFF and reversing. More expensive machines have magnetic ON/OFF switches that switch the machine OFF when a power interruption occurs.

Reversing switches change the rotation of the spindle from counter-clockwise (the normal direction for right-to-left feeding) to clockwise (for left-to-right feeding). You'll use reverse feeding whenever you need to invert a cutter on the spindle for a greater variety of cuts.

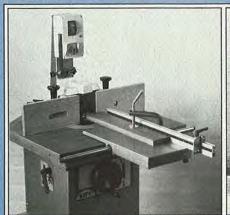
Only one machine in our test the Kity 623—didn't have a reversing switch. This finding disappointed us because we liked everything else about the Kity machine. Jeff Farris, of Farris Machinery, Kity's sole U.S. importer, explained that Kity leaves the reversing switch off the machine to comply with European safety regulations. "Kity could have added a reversing switch for the U.S. market," Farris said, "but we feel few home woodworkers ever have need for reverse cuts."

If you don't feel you have need for a reversing switch, the Kity 623 may be just the machine you're looking for.

The final analysis: How the test models shape up

Under \$500: Most home woodworkers will find that either the Grizzly G1035 or Powermatic 23 will meet their shaper needs. Both machines have standard ½" and ¾" spindles and accept router collets (the Powermatic takes only a ¼" collet—the G1035 accepts ¼" and ½" collets). The Grizzly has more power (1½ hp vs. 1 hp), and more spindle travel (3" vs. ½"); but the Powermatic has a simpler fence system, and a dealer network behind it.

Over \$500: In this price range, we especially like the Delta 43-375 and Sunhill SP-101, but for different reasons. The Delta has well-made components and user-friendly features throughout. And,



Kity's sliding table makes for safe crossgrain cuts. Jet and Sunhill also have sliding-table shapers under \$2,000.



You can quickly switch between three speeds by means of a convenient handle on the Kity 623.

if it matters to you, the 43-375 and the Sears 23941 are the only machines in our test made in the United States.

For the money (\$1,295) no shaper topped Sunhill's SP-101 in terms of heavy-duty quills and spindles. It doesn't have starterpin holes, but you could easily bore those yourself.

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GRIZZLY	G1035	7,000 10,000	МОМ
	G1026	7,000 10,000	МОМ
JET	JWS-34-1	8,000 10,000	MQM
	WSS-3-1	7,000 10,000	мом
КІТУ	623	5,500 7,300 10,000	MQM
POWERMATIC	23*	9,000	MQ
	26	7,000 10,000	MQM
SEARS	23941** 23939***	9,000	MQ
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- 1. * Similar machines sold by most Taiwanese importers.
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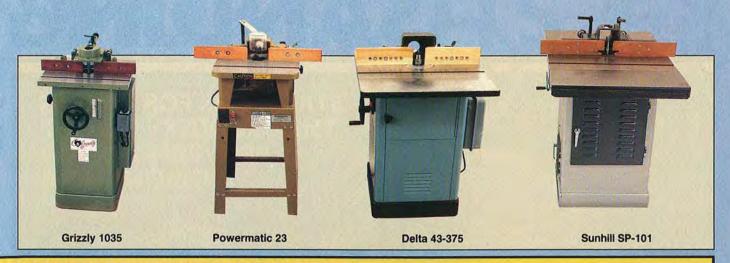
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- 2. (MQ) Movable quill only; (MQM) Movable quill and motor.
- 3. # symbol for machines with router collets as standard equipment. * 1/4"-collet only.
- # symbol next to standard table size of listed model. * 40"-and 60"-long side extensions available.
- 5. (F) France; (T) Taiwan; (US) United States
- 6. Selling prices based on advertisements, catalogs, and dealer inquiries at time of article's writing.*Free accessories available when machine purchased at demonstrations.

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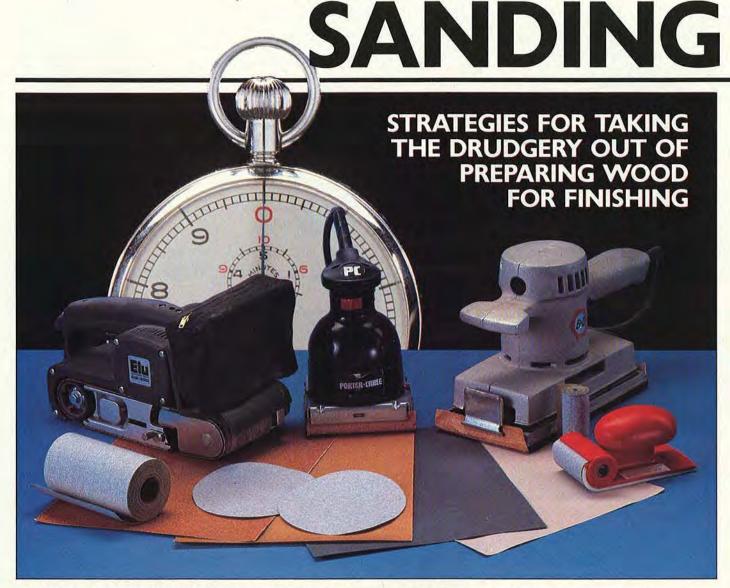
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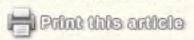
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Ask any group of woodworkers what they like least about their craft, and we bet that most of them will vote for sanding. In fact, inventors and manufacturers from far and wide have devised one gadget after another to extract the pain out of this drudgery. For truly professional results, you need to get through the maze of abrasives and tools. know which ones to use for each job, and learn the tricks for putting these products to good use. And, that's where this short course comes in.



CHOOSING THE BEST ABRASIVE FOR THE JOB

If picking and choosing among today's abrasives rubs you the wrong way, just keep these buying points in mind:

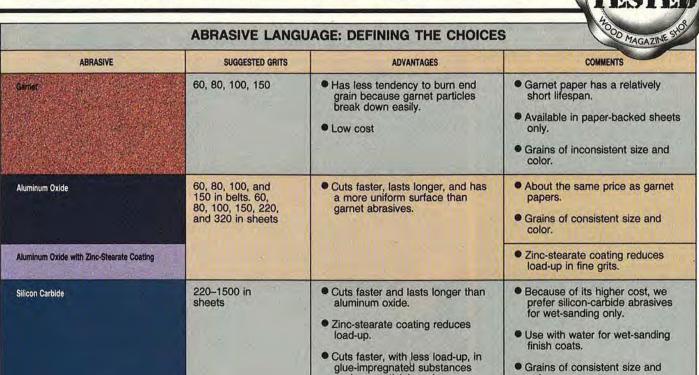
• You can select from three types of abrasives: garnet, aluminum oxide, and silicon carbide. See the chart opposite top for the advantages of each.

Garnet papers have naturally occurring minerals bonded to their surface. Because these grains have to be sifted, they're not consistent in size, so they abrade a surface less uniformly than manmade abrasives such as the following two varieties.

Besides having consistently sized particles, aluminum-oxide

and silicon-carbide abrasives (both man-made) last longer because of their greater hardness. You can purchase the finer grades of these papers with a zinc-stearate coating which acts as a dry lubricant to reduce load-up of the surface with wood particles. Although this coating gives the abrasive a white coloring, don't assume that all white-colored abrasives have a zinc-stearate coating. For example, 3M colors its Stikit line of self-adhesive papers white for brand-identification purposes. To spot a zincstearate-coated product, look for words such as "no-load," "no-fill," or "nonclogging." Although this coating adds a few cents to the cost of abrasives, we've found that it's money well spent.

SHORTCUTS



such as particleboard.

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ŧ	Heavy Wood removal	Surface shaping	Surface flattening	Smoothing	Preparation for finish	Between finish coats
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60			/			
80						
100-120						
150-220						
320-600						

• Go with a grit to match the iob. An abrasive that's too coarse will lead to excessive scratch marks in your project's surface, and you will have to work hard to remove them. On the other hand, a sandpaper that's too fine for the job will clog with wood particles. So, check the chart above for the correct succession of grits for your projects. In the WOOD® magazine shop, we typically true a surface with a 60-grit aluminum-oxide abrasive when necessary, then smooth the project with 120-grit garnet sandpaper. To prepare softwood surfaces for a finish, we sand with 150-grit garnet paper. Because hardwoods can take a more polished surface prior to finishing, we sand these woods with a succession of 150-grit paper and a 220-grit zinc-stearatecoated aluminum-oxide abrasive.

 Know when to use an opencoat paper. Most sandpapers have a closed coat, meaning that 100 percent of their surface is covered with abrasive grains. However, in some coarse grits you will find open-coat papers with only 70 percent grain coverage on their surfaces. This extra space between grains helps prevent clogging of the abrasive surface with wood fibers, especially when you work with softwoods.

Grains of consistent size and

color.

GETTING THE MOST FROM SANDING TOOLS

Even the proper abrasives aren't of much help until you combine them with the correct tool. To help you along, we prepared the chart on the next two pages. In the WOOD magazine shop, we make great use of the stationary belt/disc sander, portable belt sander, and our own hands for many sanding tasks. The following tips will help you better utilize these tools in your shop.

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STATIONARY BELT/DISC SANDER TIPS

• For perfectly flush half-lap joints, cut the half laps 1/16" longer than the finished size, then sand them flush with a disc or vertical-belt sander as shown below.

Note: For this procedure, and the next two tips, the belt- or disc-sander table must be set at 90° to the abrasive surface.



Slightly long half-laps joints come perfectly flush with the aid of a disc or vertical-belt sander.

• Fine-tune miter joints on a vertical-belt or disc sander as shown below. Since few woodworkers can cut perfect miters every time, this method allows you to custom-match miters with complete control over stock removal. Because the disc moves faster near its rim than near its center, sand close to the center of the disc for slower, more controlled stock removal.



For slightly miscut miters, you can sand one of the pieces to fit the other exactly.

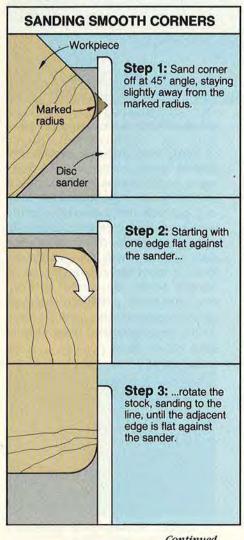
SANDER	PURPOSE	APPLICATIONS	SUGGESTED ABRASIVES
Sationary Belt (vertical) and Disc Sander	Rapid removal of stock on edges.	Sanding back to a line. Touching up miters and compound angles. Chamfering or rounding dowel ends.	36- to 120-grit cloth backed aluminum oxide.
Stationary Belt (horizontal)	Rapid removal of stock on surfaces.	Flattening small areas of face grain. General smoothing and truing. Shaping. Use end of belt as free-hand drum sander.	36- to 120-grit cloth backed aluminum oxide.
Stationary Edge Belt Sander	Rapid removal of stock on edges.	Smoothing edge grain. Sanding back to a line. Concave sanding on the open roller.	36- to 120-grit cloth backed aluminum oxide
Stationary Strip Sander	Sanding small parts.	Metal sharpening. Inside edges and tight areas.	36- to 120-grit cloth backed aluminum oxide.
Portable Belt Sander	Rapid removal of stock on large, flat surfaces.	Truing stock glued up for width. Lowering joints and edges to a uniform height. Mounted in accessory stands, these machines work as small stationary belt sanders.	60- to 120-grit cloth backed aluminum oxide.
Finishing Sanders	Smoothing surfaces and protective finishes.	Final sanding, ¼-sheet (palm) sanders useful on small areas. ⅓-and ½-sheet models best for larger areas.	120- to 320-grit paper-backed aluminum oxide, garnet, or silicon carbide.

SANDER	PURPOSE	APPLICATIONS	SUGGESTED ABRASIVES
Random-Orbit Sanders (electric and pneumatic)	High-speed finish- sanding without swirl marks.	Flattening joints while leaving a smooth surface. Special pad available for contours.	80- to 320-grit paper and adhesive-backed aluminum oxide and silicon carbide.
Straightline Sanders (electric and pneumatic)	Sands with the grain.	Flattening high-low areas. Lowering joints and edges to a uniform height.	80- to 320-grit cloth- backed aluminum oxide and silicon carbide.
Flexible Disc Sander	Rapid stock removal on irregular surfaces.	Shaping, smoothing, and polishing small stock. Power-sanding bowls when chucked in a portable drill with lathe running. Various sizes available from 1–6".	36-to 400-grit cloth-, paper-, and adhesive- backed aluminum oxide and silicon carbide.
Flap Wheels	Conform to irregular surfaces.	Corrosion removal on tools and hardware. Sanding carvings and spindles.	60-to 180-grit cloth- backed aluminum oxide
Drum Sander	Sanding concave and convex edges to smooth, flowing shapes.	Sanding back to a line on curved, bandsawed edges.	60- to 150-grit cardboard-backed aluminum oxide.
Pneumatic (inflatable) Drum Sander	Smoothing and shaping of irregular surfaces	Smoothing carvings and intarsia parts. Fill drum bladder to varying pressures to change conformity of drum.	80- to 180-grit cloth- backed aluminum oxide
Hand Sander	Controllable truing and smoothing.	See page 67 for specialized sanding blocks to help you sand tight and irregular surfaces. Foam sanding blocks work well on rounded surfaces.	80- to 1,500-grit paper-, cloth- and adhesive-backed garnet, aluminum oxide, or silicon carbide.

• Perfectly shaped corners result from marking a radius and then carefully sanding back to that line with a belt or disc as shown below. For maximum control, follow the illustrations below.

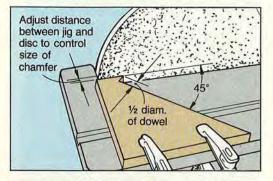


Use a disc or vertical-belt sander to shape flowing convex curves.



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• Make great-looking dowel chamfers with the jig below clamped to your sander's table. With your sander running, place the dowel on the machine's table and hold it as shown below. Give the dowel at least one full rotation to sand a complete chamfer.





With the chamfering jig in place, spin the dowel until the chamfer is complete.

• You can smooth small resawed stock, even if you don't own a thickness planer. With double-faced tape, attach a 1½"-thick block that's nearly as wide and long as the resawed piece to the face opposite the resawed surface. Then, lower the workpiece onto a moving horizontal belt as shown below. Be careful to keep the workpiece parallel to the belt as the two surfaces make contact. Move the workpiece from side to side as you sand.



To smooth resawed stock, position it parallel to the sanding belt.

PORTABLE BELT SANDER POINTERS

- For rapid stock removal with a portable belt sander, hold the sander at approximately a 30° angle to the grain of the workpiece, and keep it cocked this way as you move the machine up and down the workpiece. This crossgrain sanding works fast, but leaves a rough surface.
- To smooth surfaces, work the belt sander as shown below. Hold the sander parallel with the grain, and keep the belt sander moving at all times. Work the sander in long paths that cover the full length of the workpiece. Minimize cross-grain movements.
- For an evenly sanded surface, don't bear down on the machine; let the weight of the sander do the work. And, be aware of how much of the belt is in contact with the workpiece. Otherwise, you may accidentally miss the ends of the surface, or round over the edges by tipping the sander.
- Drape the power cord over your shoulder to keep it out of the way of the belt sander.

• To check your work for gouges and hollows, hold a light at a low angle to the surface.

HAND-SANDING HINTS

- Don't sell short the merits of hand sanding. Power sanders save you plenty of time—no doubt about it—but a good, old-fashioned sanding block flattens a surface better than any machine. Also, a hand block gives you more control over those delicate situations such as gently rounding an edge. Around the WOOD magazine shop, we use a sanding block for the final smoothing of flat surfaces and between finish coats.
- To save hand-sanding time, you may want to invest a few dollars in a 3M Stikit sanding block such as the red one shown on page 62. We found these plastic blocks comfortable, and abrasive changes take just a few seconds. To replace the sandpaper, you simply tear off the old abrasive and pull some fresh material from the built-in roll.
- Custom-made sanding blocks will save you loads of time when sanding tricky areas. As shown



Try to minimize cross-grain movements when smoothing a surface with a belt sander. Sand the full length of the workpiece and keep the machine moving.

below you can shape a variety of custom-made blocks to conform to most any smoothing task. Then, attach an adhesive-backed abrasive. Or, affix nonadhesive abrasives with glue or adhesive spray—just remember that the paper will be difficult to remove.

A FEW MISTAKES TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS

Sometimes, what you *don't* do while sanding counts as much as what you *do* do. For help, keep these pointers in mind.

• Don't let load-up bog you down. Steve Martyr, a technical representative of 3M, estimates that most people toss away their sandpapers long before the abrasive particles wear out. The reason: premature load-up of the abrasive with sanding dust. If you experience load-up early in the life of your abrasives, Steve suggests you switch to either a coarser grit or an open-coat abrasive, or try a zinc-stearate-coated product.

Also, remember to collect sanding dust from the work surface to avoid load-up. Occasionally stop and vacuum both the work surface and the bottom of the sander.

• Sanders can be as dangerous as any other cutting machine in your shop, so keep all guards in place. If you've ever accidentally touched a moving sanding belt, you know how fast abrasives can remove skin. Guards also protect you if a belt tears.

• Sanding dust contributes to lung disease, so opt for machines with dust collection capabilities when you go shopping. In recent years, power-tool manufacturers have concentrated more and more on dust-collection in designing their tools. For instance, today you can buy finish sanders that draw dust through holes in the sandpaper and portable belt sanders with vacuum attachments.

If your sanders don't have dust-collection ports and accessories, rig up your own clean-air aids. As shown at *right*, you can attach a furnace filter to the air-drawing side of a window fan, then point the fan away from you as you work. This simple dust collector will move much of the airborne dust away from you, and capture some in the process. But, remember that even with dust-collection systems in place, it still pays to wear an approved respirator.



We strapped a furnace filter to a window fan with bungee cord for an inexpensive dust evacuator.

• Don't accidentally mar your flat workpieces by setting them on a bare workbench when sanding them with an orbital finish sander. Instead, place some kind of cushion, whether it's a piece of carpet pad, cardboard, or even a blanket, under the workpiece before finish-sanding it, as we did in the photo above. Otherwise, any debris on the surface of your workbench will transmit swirly marks and dents to the back side of your project.

Buying Guide

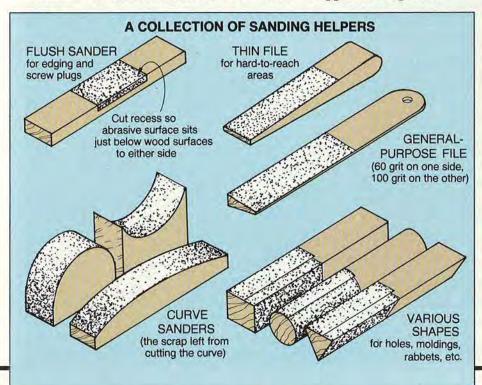
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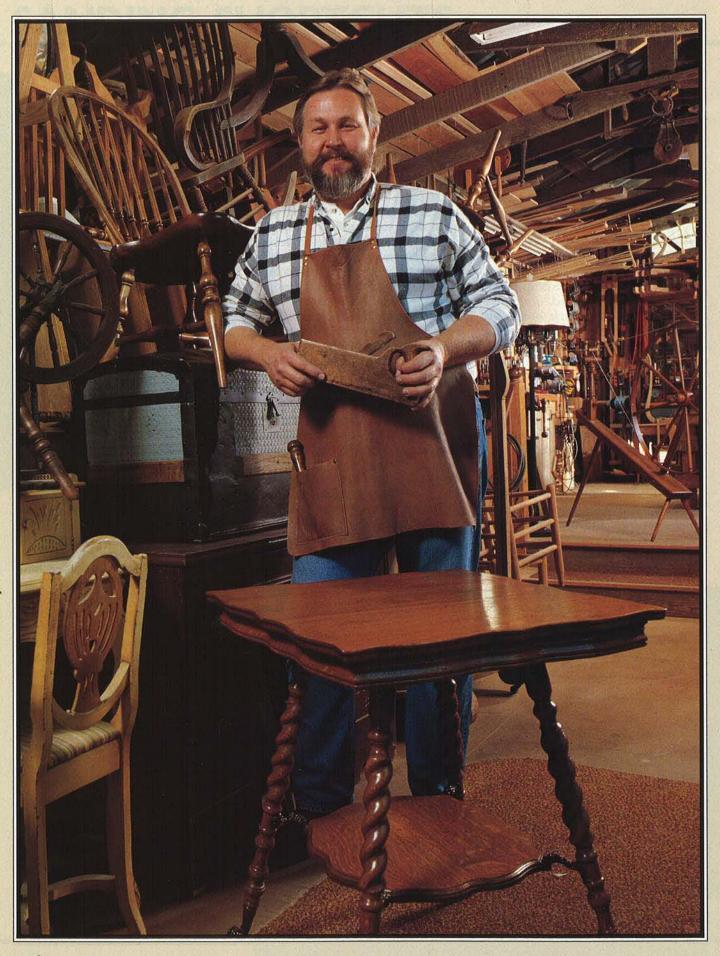
Econ-abrasives, P.O. Box B865021, Plano, TX 75086. Call 800-367-4101.

Industrial Abrasives, 642 N. 8th St., P.O. Box 14955, Reading, PA 19612. Call 800-428-2222.

The Sanding Catalogue, P.O. Box 5069, Hickory, NC 28603-5069. Call 800-228-0000.

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"GOOD WOOD IS WORTH RESTORIN"

like most young couples just starting out, Jim and Sue Jo Watson made do with what they could afford. "Back in the early 70s, you could pick up a lot of nice furniture here cheap," says Jim. "It just happened to be in real bad shape."

That didn't hinder this talented and resourceful Arkansas native, though. Working wood had always held his interest. So, while he spent his days managing an auto supply store, he occupied his evenings renewing furniture.

The fruits of his labor were a houseful of valuable pieces... and a growing reputation as a furniture restorer. "I got so busy doing other people's furniture, I decided to go at it full-time," Jim says. "I've never been sorry."

His business started small. On a four-acre hilltop site just outside Huntsville, Arkansas, he built a cozy house and a small shop. In the seven years since, both have

Huntsville

ARKANSAS

Little Rock

grown, even to include a shop for Sue Jo, who paints and sells primitive decoys to shops and collectors across the country.

When we visited Jim, 41, and Sue Jo, 39, they showed us how and why their business matured. Now we know the reason cus-

tomers from far and near cart their heirloom chairs, tired tables, and estate-auction finds to the Watsons' Ozark enterprise: They want quality craftsmanship.

A man and his tools work at building a reputation

Even on the Ozark ridges, Jim Watson classifies as a mountain of a man. His 6'6" frame fills the shop doorway when

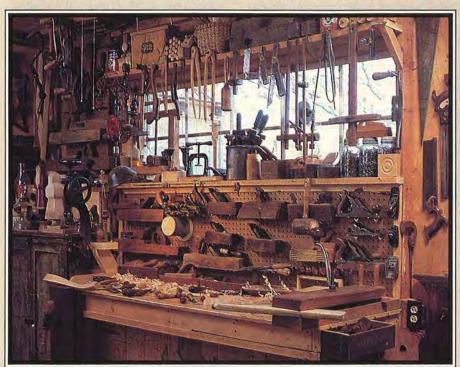
greeting customers
who drop by.
Large, muscular
hands firmly grasp
the furniture they
bring to him. Jim handles each piece gently,
though, as he would a
baby. He draws the sadlooking piece to him,
then guards it on the way

to its resting place in the stack of furniture of similar ilk awaiting his careful attention.

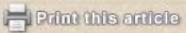
"I like to pull something back, to make a beautiful piece of furniture out of a thing that looked terrible," Jim explains, almost apologizing for his caring. "Sorry, inexpensive furniture is a dime a dozen. But, if it's good wood, it's worth restorin'."

In Jim's workshop, even the crossbeams store tools. Not jig-saws, routers, or electric drills with dangling cords, though. It's hand, not power, tools that he keeps within easy reach.

"I used to go around and buy old tools, then restore them for use," Jim explains. "Now, there are a lot more good new tools out there than when I started twenty years ago. But, I'm still not dependent on anyone to furnish me with a good tool. I've always made everything when I needed it, and if I can't find the right tool, I make it—a carving gouge, chisel, plane iron, or a special veneer cutter. It gives me a pretty good feeling to do that," adds the unassuming craftsman.



Jim's collection of refurbished hand tools aren't for display only. With them, he recreates the workmanship that matches old furniture.



GOOD WOOD IS WORTH RESTORIN'

To make tools and other items he needed, Jim long ago mastered the basics of blacksmithing. A small smithy attached to his main work space attests to his continuing interest.

There's another reason, besides self-sufficiency, why Jim relies a lot on hand tools. "Much of this old furniture was made with hand tools, and that adds to its beauty. You don't get the hand look with power tools," he claims.

"Oh yeah, I do all my roughing out with a bandsaw," Jim continues. "Or, I'll power-plane a board down within 1/8" of what I need. Then, I'll take an old hand plane to it the rest of the way. That's so I can leave those tiny plane marks in it. The piece will match the original parts, where some ol' fella did the same thing. You just can't

get the same look with anything but a hand plane."

Then, in rugged contrast, comes the occasional piece of primitive furniture—rough stuff, made by pioneers when they needed it—that never saw a hand plane. "It's real interesting to restore a piece like that," he says, "but it's harder than making something new."

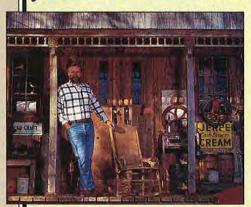
The furniture neatly stacked in the "receiving room" of Jim's shop hints that making wood look old may not only be harder, but also more time consuming. Jim looks over the armoires, desks, chairs, tables, and mirrors nestled together up to the eaves. "I'm behind," he says, shaking his head, "but I'm not behind because I'm slow. I'm willing to spend more time with it in my hands. I don't send out a piece unless I like it."

Getting down to the wood

Many people bring furniture to Jim for the same reason he began restoring nearly 20 years ago: They can't afford to buy new furniture of the same quality. Others, according to the craftsman, have acquired family heirlooms that need TLC, or purchased antiques at auction. "Some don't have any money in the item, others may have paid well, but they all understand that it will be worth more when I'm done," he says.

Although complete restoration represents the bulk of Jim's work, he gives quick face-lifts, too. "Occasionally, people drop off a piece for refinishing that actually doesn't need it," he says. "The joints are all solid, and maybe it's a little worn, but it doesn't need stripping—only a good cleaning."

JIM'S TOP 10 TIPS FOR TIRED FURNITURE



Purniture is part of everybody's life, and probably everybody has repaired some furniture," observes the brawny craftsman. "But, there's good and bad ways to repair."

Take nails, for a bad example. Jim hates them. "Nails don't belong in furniture," he says. "They're not even in my woodworking vocabulary. I use a screw if I need extra strength. Or a peg. Or a dowel. You can ruin a piece trying to get a nail out. With finishing nails, it's better to push them, then fill the holes."

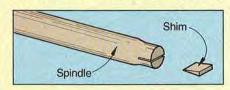
Here are more of Jim's tips, focused on restoring and tempered with some of his philosophy:

• In old furniture, use old wood. "If I have to make a replacement piece, such as a stretcher or spindle in a chair, I make it from old furniture someone discarded. If I have to use new wood, I put it where it can be stained easily to blend in."

• Don't remove parts that were bandmade and replace them with machine-made parts. "To the collector, that piece would be ruined. On the other hand, don't overwork [with hand tools such as a plane] a piece of wood that you're trying to make match. It's easy to get carried away, but you don't want to make more marks on the wood than the original piece would have had."

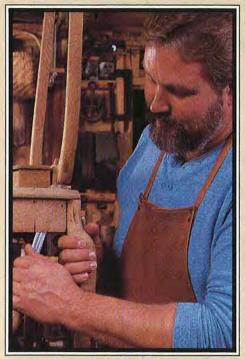
• Don't take all the character away from a piece of old furniture by making it look too new. "Fix the big cracks, gouges, burns, and stains, but leave the small things, like nicks and dents, that the wood acquired over the years." • Roll a spindle to break it loose. "Got a loose spindle between chair legs, but it won't come out? Roll it back and forth between your fingers. The turning creates friction heat that will soften all the old glue."

• Shim a spindle to fill the hole. "After years of wear, the hole in the chair leg that the spindle fits into sometimes gets enlarged. To tighten the spindle, saw a slot in the tenon end and fill it with a thin wedge." See drawing, below.



• Scrape off all the old glue from joints. "With a knife blade, clean out the old glue. But don't do anything that will remove more than the glue."

• Lift old veneer with a table knife. "It's the handiest tool. It slides right under the veneer [as shown in photo, opposite above].



Jim carefully guides the blade of a bread knife under loose veneer to remove it.

The extent of the cleaning depends on the condition of the piece. "Often, I can just wash it down with water and Murphy's Oil Soap," Jim notes. "But, if it still looks dingy, say from built-up wax and polish, I go over it with fine steel wool dipped in mineral spirits. Even stronger is a mixture of three parts each of mineral spirits and boiled linseed oil to two parts each of vinegar and denatured alcohol. That really cuts, and softens up the original finish a bit so you can spread it around to recover blemishes."

Stripping furniture, of course, is a whole different ball game, and Jim has plenty of advice about the process. "First of all," he says, "I use a water-wash stripper. I don't dip-strip, either, except when furniture has many coats of paint on it. Dip-stripping is real hard on furniture. And, it has to be made of solid wood or it won't stand up. But, if you must take something for dip-stripping, count on taking it all apart first, if you can. Because if any of the joints are loose, they'll come apart anyway."

For those who don't mind stripping furniture, Jim has a couple of tips: "When you give \$12 a gallon for stripper, you don't want most of it ending up on the ground. So, with a chair for instance, put a pan under each leg to collect the stripper. And remember, stripper evaporates quickly, but you have to keep the surface wet. Sprinkle a little sawdust on the stripper—make kind of a mush—to keep it working."

Written by Peter J. Stephano Photographs: Bob Hawks

Then, work the knife slowly, prying up the veneer an inch or so at a time, not breakin' any."

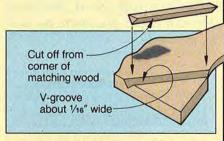
• Feather out a veneer patch. "I patch old veneer with old veneer that I've salvaged, because it will be the same thickness. But, for a nearly invisible patch, instead of cutting the old veneer out and fitting in a patch of exactly the same shape, cut the patch slightly oversize. Then, sand down or feather the veneer surrounding the cutout. After you align the grain and glue down the patch, it will overlap the old veneer a bit [see drawing, below]. Clamp it tightly in place. After the glue dries, sand down the raised edges of the patch to make it flush."

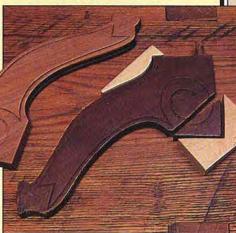
• Mend a break with wood. "Most breaks on old furniture aren't fresh. The piece breaks again and again in the same place, taking off a little more wood each time. If you glue it, then add filler, the mend shows up. I mend it by shimming the crack with a piece of the same type of wood.

"With a veining tool, remove wood in a V-shaped groove right down the crack. Then, cut off a corner of a board of matching wood and glue it in the groove [see photo and drawing, right]. Clamp it in place, and sand it level when dry."

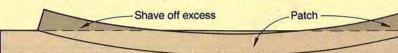
• Don't sand too much. "When you do have to use filler, don't oversand it. The filler gets slick and resists staining."

Jim could seemingly go on forever about working wood—and reworking old wood.
That's because he never ceases to learn. "Between my metal work and my wood work, I pick up things all the time," he remarks. "And, because of that, I know what I'm doing won't ever get stale."





You can hardly detect the shimmed crack, illustrated in the drawing above, in the repaired table leg shown at top in the photo. For reliable, in-line clamping of irregularly shaped pieces like these, Jim lays out and cuts custom gluing jigs such as the ones of pine shown surrounding the lower leg.



BATTLING HARMFUL

y now, most woodworkers have at least heard about the new, less-toxic finishing products available-water-based finishes, odorless strippers, and other "safe" materials. But chances are that you have an ample supply of less friendly finishes and solvents in your shop. You know, the ones that inflame your eyes and irritate your throat and nose. So what should you do? Start by reading this article. You'll learn how to determine which products pose the most danger to your health and the strategies that make working around these products as safe as possible.





Warning: See Talking Back, June 1991, page 8, "Fire expert warns: Don't build that ventilator" for safety update! Click here to view. Introduce yourself to MSDS

Angela Babin, director of the Center for Safety in the Arts (CSA) in New York City, has the following recommendation. "When selecting wood finishes and paint removers," she says, "ask your dealer to see a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each of them. Lacquers, varnishes, thinners, and products like these all have different formulations. When you request the MSDSs, you can choose the safest one."

Retail outlets, including home centers and hardware stores, have the government-required MSDSs available, or they can obtain them in a day or two. However, retailers don't normally have MSDSs in quantities to hand out because the government requires only business users to have them.

And, it's a good idea to obtain MSDSs for products that you may already have at home, too. Just contact the dealer that carries those brands to see if they have the appropriate MSDS, then drop by and inspect it. Or, request one from the manufacturer, whose address usually appears on the label.

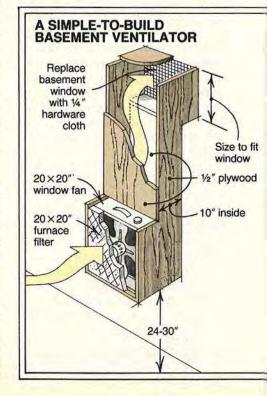
On an MSDS, such as the one shown opposite, you'll find a listing of the hazardous ingredients, as well as emergency information and phone numbers, spill or leak procedure instructions, and health-hazard data. In addition—and most important—each product's MSDS carries a toxicity indicator—the threshold limit value (TLV) of its primary chemical—and maximum exposure time. Remember, MSDSs from different manufacturers never look alike, but they always carry this info.

TLV numbers for specific chemicals indicate the levels of airborne contaminants, stated in parts per million (e.g. 350 ppm), that most people can be exposed to without adverse effects. They're set by the American Conference

of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for a long list of common chemical ingredients. (On the MSDS shown below right, Borden has also listed a TIV published by OSHA for acetone.) Here's how to interpret TIVs: 500-plus ppm: Slightly toxic 100–500 ppm: Moderately toxic Fewer than 100 ppm: Highly toxic Remember that—contrary to what you usually encounter—TIVs of the lower numbers are the most dangerous. The smaller the number, the greater the potency!

Work without a noseful: Bring in fresh air

According to Michael McCann, executive director of the CSA and coworker with Babin, air contaminated by chemical vapors can be disposed of in one of two ways. Commercial shops that generate high concentrations of toxic materials in their shop air require local exhaust ventilation, such as a



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separate spray booth with a hood, an air cleaner, and a fan, for spraying and dust removal. Most home woodworkers, however, can successfully maintain a cleanair situation in their work space with dilution ventilation.

Dilution ventilation simply means that you bring in a large volume of clean air to reduce the concentration of toxic material, then remove the air. The simplest form of dilution ventilation is a wide-open window at one end of the room and another open window or door opposite.

Even better dilution ventilation requires the use of a fan or fans to move a volume of air through the work area. "It's important," says McCann, "that clean air come past your face, get contaminated, then be exhausted. That's crucial." Place yourself as shown below, when working with toxic vapors.

You can also add effectiveness to your dilution ventilation system by building the setup illus-

trated in the detail drawing, below left. The working-level exhaust constantly draws in fresh air and mixes it with the toxic vapors to keep the concentration low. (Note: This do-it-yourself exhaust system is not designed to substitute for a spray booth.)

How do you know if you're getting adequate ventilation? Says McCann, "If you can smell vapors throughout the house, you're not exhausting enough air."

Protect yourself somehow

If you find it impossible to provide sufficient dilution ventilation in your traditional shop area when doing certain tasks-such as stripping or applying heavyduty contact adhesive-then move the work to another location, preferably outdoors. "Another alternative," says the CSA's Babin, "is to 'sectionalize' a project that exceeds your ventilation capacity." For example, instead of brushing on sealer or varnish to

the entire surface of a large piece of furniture-for instance, a bureau—apply finish to the trim at one session, the front of one drawer at a later time, and so on until it's completed. That way, your exposure will be limited.

In all situations, you can protect yourself from inhaling harmful vapors by using a dust-and-mist type respirator labeled "NIOSH/MSHA Approved for Organic Vapors." Complete with a pair of canisters, it costs about \$35. (Read about how to buy approved masks in the January 1991 issue of WOOD® magazine.)

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In a world that thrives on change, some customs prove hard to break, thank goodness. After all, can you imagine the next Babe Ruth pinging a home run over a major league fence with—ugh!—an aluminum bat? Although many sports have yielded to equipment manufactured of high-tech materials, it's assuring to know that wood is rooted in sports tradition, and in some cases, still plays a pro role.

In his job as head of the wood identification department at the Forest Service's Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, Regis Miller knows wood—and its history. He believes, too, that it's tradition that's responsible for the wood still found in the world of sports.

"Baseball bats, for example," he begins. "Aluminum has taken over everywhere, except the pros. That's because the metal bats just don't break—they're cheaper for schools and colleges in the long run. Aluminum bats supposedly hit farther, too. Yet, wood and baseball go back a long way, and you still can't use anything but a wooden bat in the pros." There's even an interesting story behind that special relationship.



here really was a slugger in Louisville

When baseball's first organized team, the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club of New York, took the field against the New York Nine for a four-inning game in 1846, the national pastime was launched. The Knickerbockers lost, 23-1, despite their handcrafted bats.

Yes, in the early days of baseball, the players made their own bats or had them custom-made. Some were hewed from hickory, but, like today, most were of ash.

Bill Williams, an executive with the Hillerich and Bradsby Company of Louisville, Kentucky, maker of the famous Louisville Slugger, tells us that it wasn't until the late 1800s that baseball bats were made by machine. "As the story goes, J. A. Hillerich, the founder of this company, was watching the local American Association team, the Eclipse, play one day in 1884. When Pete Browning, a .341 hitter, got up to bat, he swung and broke his favorite. After the game, Hillerich, who had been making bats for his sandlot team on his father's lathe, offered to make the star a new one. They worked together perfecting it that night," he continues. "The next day, Browning went three-forthree with his new bat. Soon, other team members, then players from visiting teams, wanted bats, too. That's how the Louisville Slugger was born."

According to Williams, a big leaguer uses an average of 72 bats per season. That's why Hillerich and Bradsby now regularly turns out bats for professional baseball to the tune of 185,000 per year out of a production of 1.4 million. With such a stake in big-time baseball, no wonder the company is so particular about where it gets its wood.

"The best bat ash grows in a belt along the New York-Pennsylvania state line," Williams continues. "From a 13' log, we get 25 to 30 bats. That adds up to about 40,000 trees annually."

Ash may well be wood's major leaguer, but there are plenty of other species still in the sports spotlight. Take golf, for instance.



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Golf really didn't take hold in the United States until about the turn of the century, although the Scottish invented the game way back in the 1400s. And, just as in most other sports when they were first adopted by an enthusiastic public, the very earliest equipment was made of wood-mainly because it was plentiful and easy to work.

"Not only were heads made from wood, but club shafts were turned from stout and flexible hickory until somewhere in the twenties," notes Larry Frye, executive director of the Fine Hardwoods/American Walnut Association in Indianapolis. "I have some Walter Hagen clubs of wood that date between 1914 and 1929. But, most manufacturers switched to the stronger steel shafts between the world wars. Solid persimmon, though, has always been the choice for the heads of woods." Louisville Slugger's Williams is the first to agree.

"In 1916, our firm [Hillerich and Bradsby] began producing golf clubs in addition to baseball bats," says Williams. "That was at a time when golf was just being promoted. In 1933 we created the 'PowerBilt' name. Now, we make the largest-selling persimmon golf club in America. We make metal woods also, but our persimmon woods are more famous. And, a lot of golfers still prefer persimmon-about 30 to 40 percent of all clubs sold have persimmon heads. But, golfers who like persimmon aren't always the older ones tied to tradition. In last year's Masters tournament, Jack Nicklaus and Ray Floyd were playing metal, while young Nick Faldo was using persimmon drivers.

"We now have our own persimmon mill in Litchfield, Kentucky, right in the middle of its

Wooden clubs may be giving way to metal, but brightly painted birch golf tees still outnumber plastic.

range," he explains. "We mill the logs there and turn the heads for shipment to Louisville."

So, while some golfers still cling to tradition, there's another group of sportsmen who only have fond memories of a once-rich wooden heritage. Think of this bygone episode as an epic example of an era that got





The successful wildfowl hunter sets out decoys to entice birds within shotgun range. These artificial ducks and geese—a genuinely American innovation—were first created by Indians, then perfected by early craftsmen.

'The earliest decoys were crude stickups, sawed from pine, painted, and supported by sticks," says Butch Richenbach, twice world champion duck caller and frequenter of the Waterfowler's Wing at the Agricultural Museum in his hometown of Stuttgart, Arkansas. "However, they could only be used in shallow water. And, because many duck species prefer deeper water, floating dethe Eastern Seaboard in the early 1800s. Then, hunters introduced them here, along the Mississippi River flyway, and eventually they spread across the country."

hundreds. Hunters called them stolls, tollers, or blocks, and even though they were crude, they were durable, light, and they did the trick. The working decoy below, crudely carved from pine, was used to lure pintail ducks to hunters on Lake Winnebago, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, about 1910. According to William Koelpin, a nationally known wildlife carver, artificial decoys were first made in factories following the Civil War. "As the manufactured decoys' degree of realism improved, craftsmen made their homemade variety more lifelike, too, until today decorative decoy carving has become an art form. Top carvers frequently sell a finely detailed piece for upwards of \$10,000, and world-class chamthat from collectors for blue-ribbon winners."

proves lighter and less expensive. Yet, many a serious wildfowler wouldn't be caught in a blind without a hand-turned and tuned call. Calls like this one, *above*, made by Arkansas' Butch Richenbach, still come in cedar, teak, Osage orange, walnut, or an exotic such as cocobolo. Priced at about \$50, they hark back to the days of hand craftsmanship as well as bring in the ducks.





Lzaak Walton knew his wood

At the American Museum of Fly Fishing, in Manchester, Vermont, curator Alanna Fisher looks after history, and much of it includes wood. A woodworker herself, Fisher admires the handcrafted gear from the past. Citing fishing historian Martin J. Keane (Early Rods & Rodmakers, The Winchester Press, 1976), she comments that 15th- and 16th-century bowyers, who knew the characteristics of wood species, probably made the earliest rods. And, they were no doubt made for royalty and the gentry, who were always looking for new diversions.

When Izaak Walton wrote *The Compleat Angler* in 1653, he described rods, and told how they should be crafted. At that time, fishing rods resembled pool cues—stout and gently tapering

from handle to tip-a shape perhaps more familiar to bowyers. "Hazel, willow, and ash rods date back to the 1500s," she says, "but they were comparatively heavy. Gradually, as stronger but lighterweight wood species were found, fishing rods, and fly rods in particular, began to be made thinner and lighter," the curator explains. "For example, greenheart and lancewood (lemonwood) from South America were discovered and fashioned into lightweight, limber rods. And, due to woods' toughness and good looks, they

remained popular in Europe and the United States well into the late 1800s. In the 1930s, when split bamboo [a grass] became the favored material because it was extremely light, strong, and flexible, you could still find greenheart rods in sporting-goods catalogs."

According to the curator, the museum collection also includes some less obvious wood items. "We have examples of metal reels from the 1830s with rosewood and tulipwood handles. And, some salt-water reels made entirely of wood—walnut, mahogany, cherry, white oak. These were around into the 1940s," she notes. "Of course, there's the classic fishing creel woven of willow or split ash, and the beautifully made hand nets with a handle and frame of ash or hickory."

Outside of a museum, about all you can find now of wood in fishing is the Rapala minnow lure from Finland. For more than 40 years, it's been primarily made of balsa. But collectors still yearn for wooden plugs, like the muskiesized Pikie Minnow shown *right*.

Species still sporting

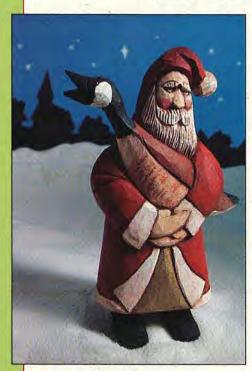
"We really haven't lost all that much of the market to plastic and other man-made materials," claims Frye of the Fine Hardwoods/American Walnut Association. "In addition to baseball bats and golf-club heads, we have hickory and ash hockey sticks, maple bowling lanes and pins—the pins are maple on the inside—maple basketball courts, wooden water and snow skis of ash or with ash cores, walnut gunstocks and pistol grips, as well as knife handles of both native and imported species." Frye

also cites croquet, with mallets and balls of maple, hickory, and beech, and even items as common as pool cues. He notes that the choice ones still feature combinations of walnut and maple, set off by ebony and holly.

"It'll be a long time before sports parts company with wood, since wood has such a long historical association with all aspects," says Frye. "And, it has been a real winning tradition."



CARVE A SANTA



Georgia carver Ron Ransom says "Happy Holidays" with this country Claus



Ron Ransom

When Ron Ransom first picked up a carving knife 11 years ago, he had no idea what it would lead to. "I carved plaques in relief, then

shore- and songbirds, and even tried a duck decoy or two," recalls Ron. "Then, a couple of years back, I carved a Santa for my wife, Evelyn. While I was at it, I made a few more and took them to a craft show. Holy cow, they all sold!"

Since then, the Marietta, Georgia, carver has focused on what he calls "Old World Santas." And, now he has dozens of designs.

Getting Santa started

For Ron's Santa, you'll need a piece of basswood measuring $2 \times 43/4 \times 71/4$ " and a carving knife. Transfer the outline from the pattern onto the wood and bandsaw the figure to shape. Then, begin rounding the edges.

Next, draw in the lines for the face, hands, goose, and other details on the front. (The nearly flat back has only the continuation of the coat's trim and grooves separating the arms from the body.)

Now, start making stop cuts about 1/8" deep along the lines you drew. Then, lay your blade against the wood and cut to the lines.

Avoiding a break

"My Santas don't always have roly-poly faces," Ron comments, "but the features are rounded. The challenge is avoiding a square face." For definition, cut a line at least 1/16" deep to separate the cheeks and nose from the beard.

"For each eye, just leave a rounded area of wood the size of a pinhead," Ron advises, "then highlight them later with paint. For his beard, cut a series of grooves to varying depths."

Because the grain in your figure runs vertically, the carver cautions against accidentally breaking off the goose's head. "Don't try to carve its neck round and slender," Ron says. "Leave it a little wide."

Now, add the look of ages

Ron never sands the wood, but goes right to the painting. For this Santa, Ron applied acrylic paints in black, white, flesh, red, brown, and a metallic gold.

To give his Santas the antique look, Ron coats the painted figure with Griffin dark brown paste shoe polish ("Other brands give a purple tint"). He buffs the dry polish with a soft shoe brush, then lightens the fur and face by rubbing with neutral shoe polish. Enough brown will remain to give Santa a patina.

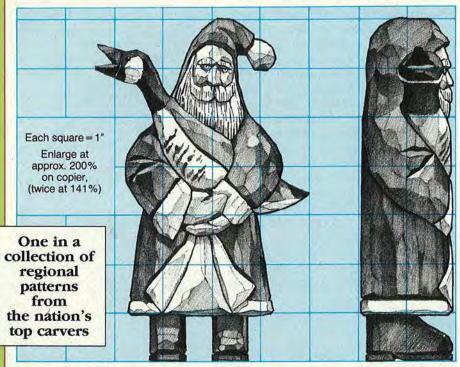
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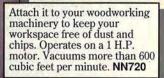
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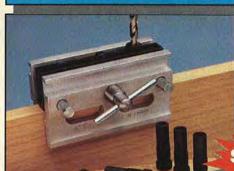
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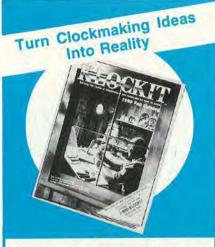
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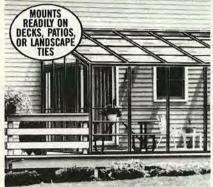
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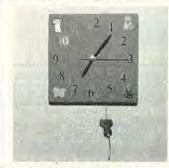
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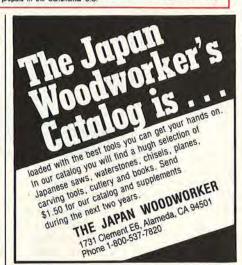
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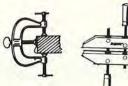


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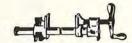












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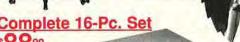
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What mood you're in has a lot to do with the effectiveness and efficiency with which you accomplish things, in the woodshop as well as anywhere else. And, there's a bunch of factors that can affect your work:

• Fatigue dulls your senses, making it difficult to concentrate or to work at peak efficiency. If you're driven to do something, limit your activities to the uncomplicated, such as finish-sanding.

• Emotional stress directs your mind away from the task at hand, preferring instead to dwell on what's causing it. Focusing attention on your work becomes impossible. Some woodworking activities, such as carving, can help you wind down. Really upset? Stay out of the shop.

• Numbed senses have no place in the shop. Never attempt woodworking when you're under the influence of alcohol or drugs (even medicine that makes you drowsy). Anything that impedes your judgement or response time will directly affect your ability to work and your safety.

• Distractions pull your attention away from tasks and procedures that require your total concentration. That's why it's wise to post the shop "off limits" to the uninvolved. Teach children, for instance, that the shop isn't a play

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area. Instead, involve them in shop activities, but make certain that they follow strict safety rules. A shop isn't a kennel, either. Maintain strict control over your pets. An eager puppy underfoot could cause a nasty accident.

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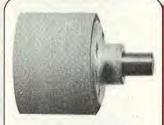
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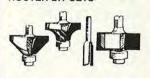


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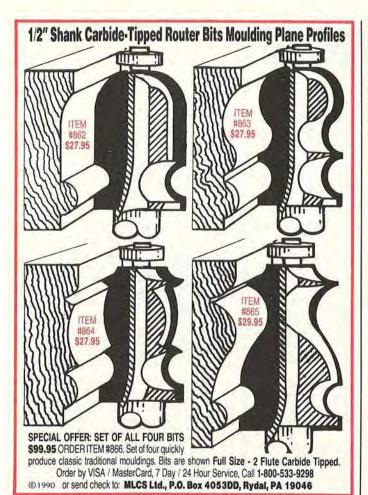
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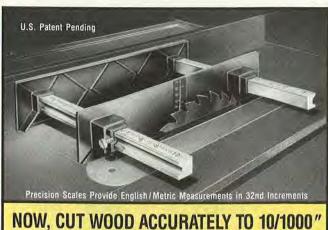


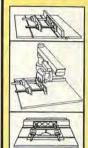
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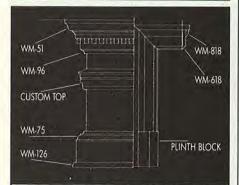
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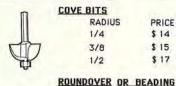
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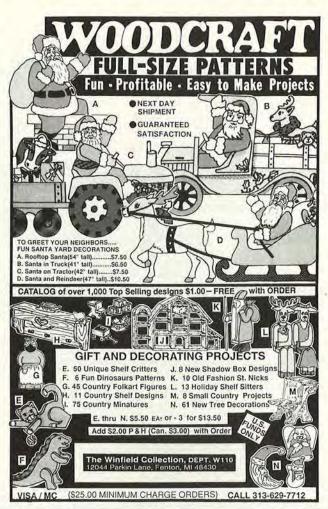
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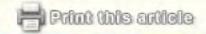
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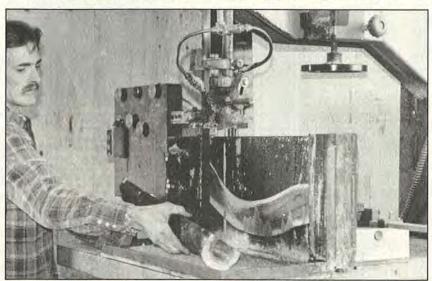
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Manzanita, usually little more than a gnarly, crooked shrub in California's arid areas, normally gets bulldozed and burned in land clearing. Only the deep-red burled root finds its way into some craftsmen's hands. That was before Ed Burton.

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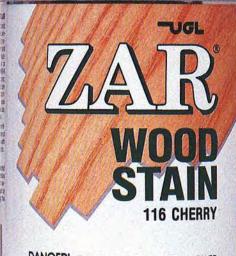
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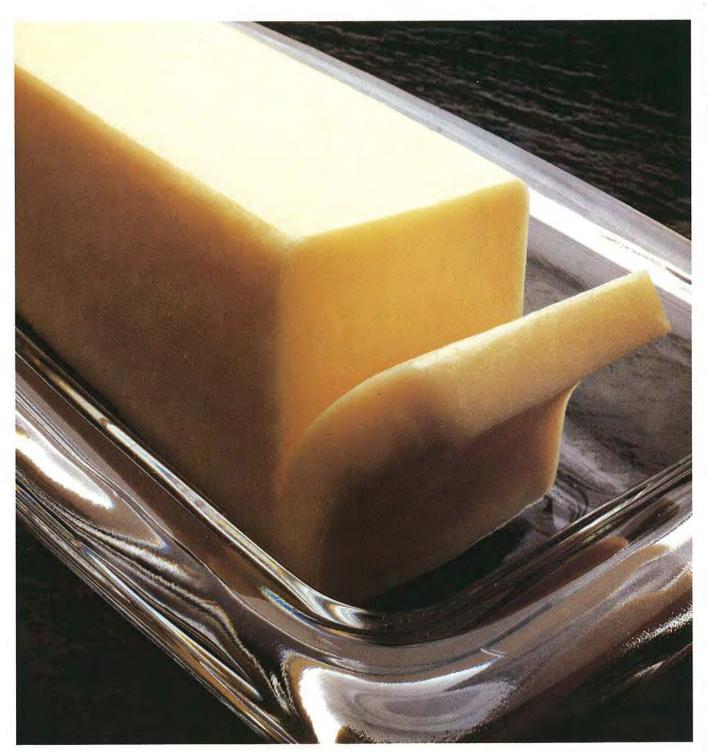






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