

WOOD CHIPS



Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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President's Corner

Greetings Members,

Oh my goodness it's November. Santa's Helpers have worked so hard this year making that special toy for girls & boys. If you have not submitted your organization yet, hurry, our meeting is quickly approaching. John has to have your label on the table so you will know which toys are for you & how many we need to set aside for you. This is a timely ordeal for those of us behind the scenes. If you can, bring a representative from the recipient organization to November's meeting. This way we can meet then & they can take the toys without delay. Many thanks to everyone who has participated in making toys for the kids. Know this, that you may have given a child the only toy they may receive this year. You make the difference. Thank You and may God Bless You.

You just never know... I made linens for the baby cradles that our VP made. I pulled out my sewing machine that is 40+ years old. It served me well. I sewed matching outfits for me & my girls when they were little. As Calvin & the Gap took over their fashion tastes, I made quilts then finally put my trusty Singer away. I pulled it out & it was broken, unable to be repaired. I purchased a new Singer. #3 granddaughter also helped make the linens. You met her at the Fair painting toys with her older sister. I am happy to say her generous heart has sparked her to take sewing lessons so she can continue to sew with me. Another Blessing brought by Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

I want to thank our VP Kevin & Daniel McDanald for his very interest program on repairing Formica. I know the members enjoyed this program. You could have heard a pin drop in the room. Very Cool Program Dan Thanks!

Elections: Come vote at this month's meeting. Election for your Executive Board is at November's Meeting. You can hold office. It is a GREAT CLUB. I can honestly say this because I have been your president for quite some time.

Our annual drawing is this month. Please turn in you money and tickets. Good Luck ☺

Gourd Show was a success. Norm Johnson, Duane Bomba & I represented our Club. We met a lot of new people and hopefully they will come to our meeting and check us out! Mike Clark is taking signups for the Christmas Party. He has an organized list so we all don't bring cranberries or cookies!

See you at the meeting. Make fine sawdust not snowballs!

Your President: *Marcia Lichnerowicz*

NIWA Christmas Party

The NIWA Christmas party will be Thursday December 18, one week before Christmas, at the clubhouse where we have our normal meetings. We will begin eating at 6pm. Bring a dish to share (with serving spoon if needed) and a homemade gift for exchange. This year the club will provide Italian Beef and Mostaccioli, bread, soft drinks, coffee, water, cups, plates, silverware, and napkins.

We need to have an expected count of people coming. Please sign up at the November meeting or contact Mike Clark (926-6372) or Jon Robbins (763-3763) with the number of folks attending. There is no cost.

SHOW AND TELL



Marcia Lichnerowicz



Jon Robbins



Denny McCoolle



Bill Schoech



Jeff Snellgrove



Max Hernick



Ron Benson



Phil Malavolta

UNCLAIMED ITEMS FROM CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Here are some pictures of items loaned to the club for use in the Christmas display at the visitors center, if any of these are yours please see Marcie at the November meeting to claim them.





ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at john.b.hunter@frontier.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

November 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
December 18th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 6:00 PM Christmas Party,
Installation and Awards

TIP: Spotting Glue Seepage

It's very irritating to apply a stain to a project only to find there's glue on the surface that prevents penetration. Areas with glue show up lighter.

There are two easy methods of checking for glue so you can remove it: wet the wood with water; or wet the wood with a thinner such as mineral spirits (paint thinner).

Water will turn the glue white, as shown in the picture. The area will be lighter under mineral spirits, similar to the way it looks under a stain.

The problem with using water is that it raises the grain of the wood, so you will have to sand to level the grain. Mineral spirits won't raise the grain, but it may interfere with the flow out of a water-based finish if you don't let the mineral spirits dry totally before finishing.

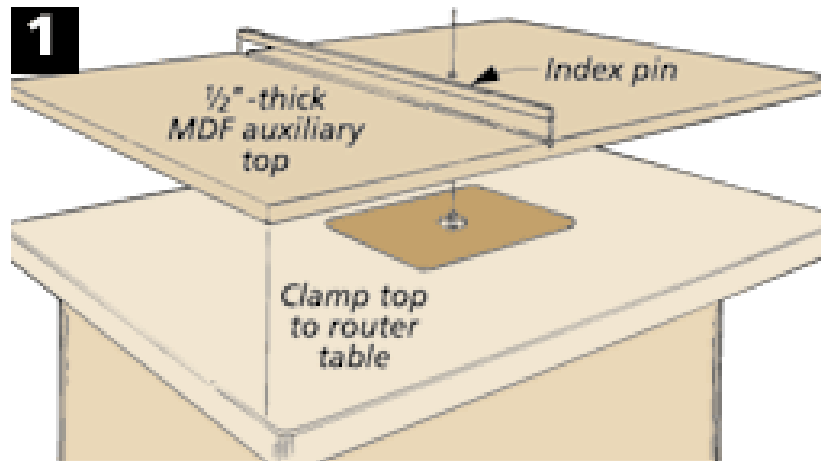
Router Table Indexing Jig



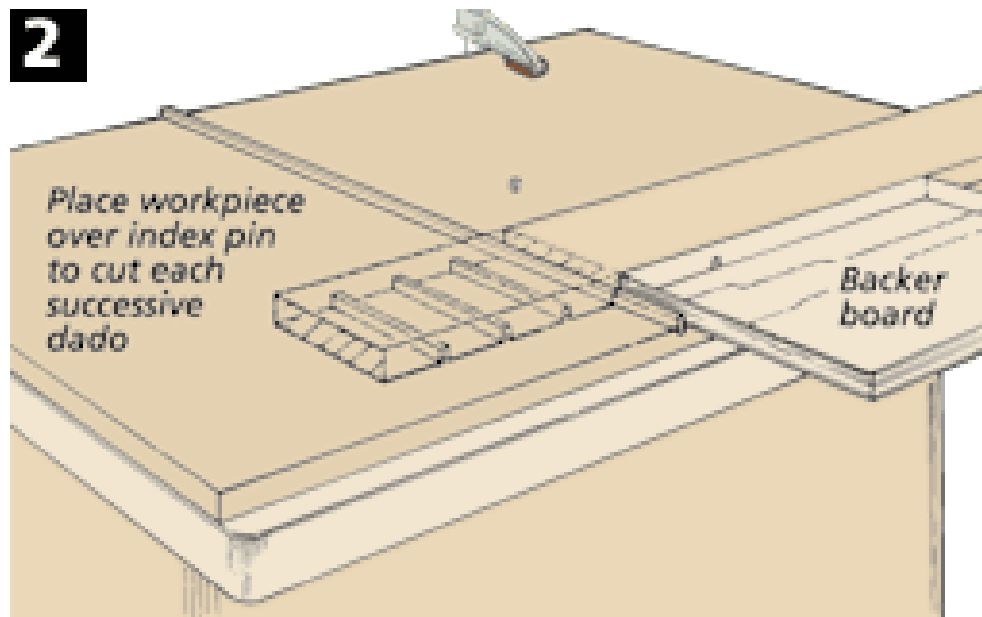
Recently I had to cut a series of evenly spaced dados across the sides of some small display shelves I was making. I wanted to make the dados on my router table, and I needed a way to space them evenly. That's when I came up with the idea for an auxiliary table fitted with an index pin as shown in the photo.

To make the auxiliary table, I started by cutting a piece of 1/2" MDF (medium-density fiberboard) that fit on top of my router table. Then I drilled a hole in the center of the MDF for a router bit.

To make the auxiliary table, I started by cutting a piece of ½" MDF (medium-density fiberboard) that fit on top of my router table. Then I drilled a hole in the center of the MDF for a router bit.



Next I inset a strip of wood into the top to serve as an index pin for spacing the dados, see Figure 1. I made sure that the distance between the router bit and the index pin equaled the spacing I needed for my dados, then I clamped the top to my router table.



Now cutting evenly spaced dados is easy. Simply butt one of the workpieces against the index pin and push it forward with a backer block to cut the first dado. Now just shift the workpiece so the dado you just cut fits over the index pin and cut a second dado. Repeat this process until all the dados have been cut, as you can see in Figure 2.

Ted Raife
Online Editor, *Woodsmith*

Fold-Up Router Table

My workshop shares space with the family car. So it's important that all of my power tools be portable and take up as little space as possible. So I made the fold-up router table you see here.



I made a simple router table top and attached it to a pair of 2x4's with screws. Then, after removing the top of an adjustable clamping table, I mounted the router table to the clamping table stand, as shown in the left photo above. The table is firmly supported by the clamping table base.

The nice thing about the table is it can be raised and lowered to match the task at hand. Best of all, I can remove the router and quickly fold the table up to store it against the wall whenever it's not in use (*right photo*).

If you'd like to see other router table plans, just go to [PlansNOW](#).

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*