

Saturday Program Meeting Band Saw Boxes Howard Hartman

Fifteen members attended our first Saturday Program Meeting. Howard Hartman showed us how to make band sawn boxes. They can be made from any kind of wood - even tree limbs. Howard stressed that each step has to be done in a certain order or the box will not come out right.



Howard made this box out a spalted limb and used it to explain the process he uses.

Step 1: Select your wood and decide what will be the top and front of your box.

Step 2: If your wood is a limb, carefully flatten the bottom on the band saw.



Step 3: Cut a ¼" slab off the bottom. - mark and save it.

Step 4: Decide how thick you want the top and cut this

piece off - mark and save the piece.

Step 5: Cut the drawer front off the remaining center section - mark and save.

Step 6: Use a square to mark lines perpendicular to the front and about ½" from the edge. Follow the lines and cut a 'U' shaped section, with the top of the 'U' toward the front (where you previously cut the drawer front).

Step 7: Glue resulting outside portion to the top and bottom pieces from steps 3 & 4.

Step 8: Cut a ¼" slab off the bottom of the remaining piece - mark and save.

Step 9: Cut another "U" shaped piece out of the remaining slab and discard.

Step 10: This is a good time to sand the individual pieces unless you want to keep the rough sawn look.

Step 11: Glue the slab from step 8 back to the "U" shaped piece from step 9.

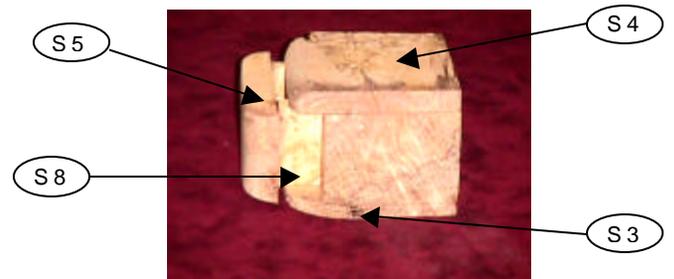


Step 12: Glue the front (from step 5) to the drawer (step 11). Be careful to check the clearance and alignment of the drawer and front with the box (step 7).

Step 13: Apply the finish - almost anything will work. This is especially important if you are using spalted wood or limbs.

Finished Box

Howard - Thanks for taking the time to show us how you make your beautiful band



sawn boxes!

Jerry Shivers will show us raised panel construction at our April Saturday Program Meeting.