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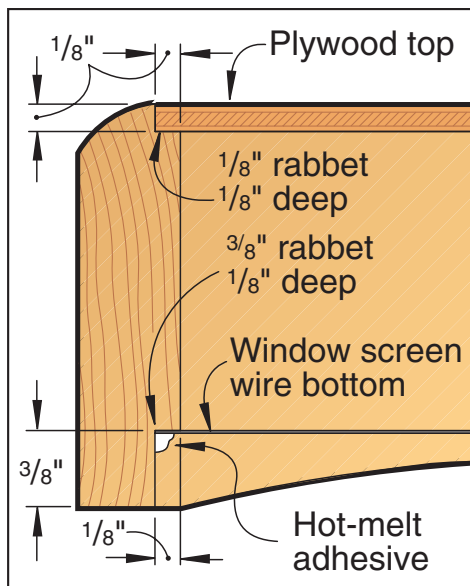


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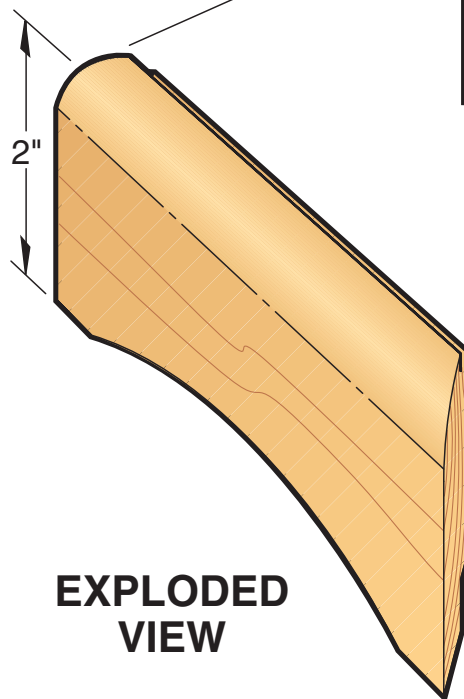
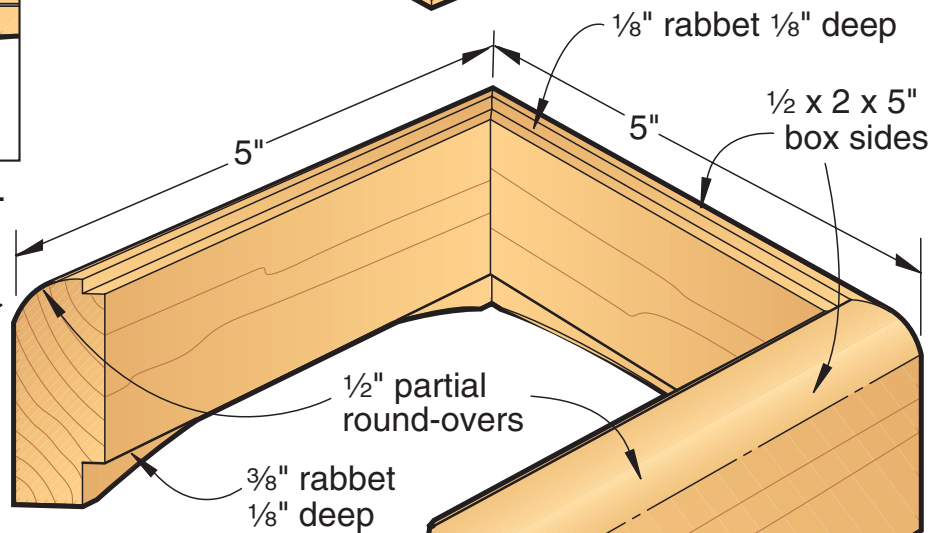
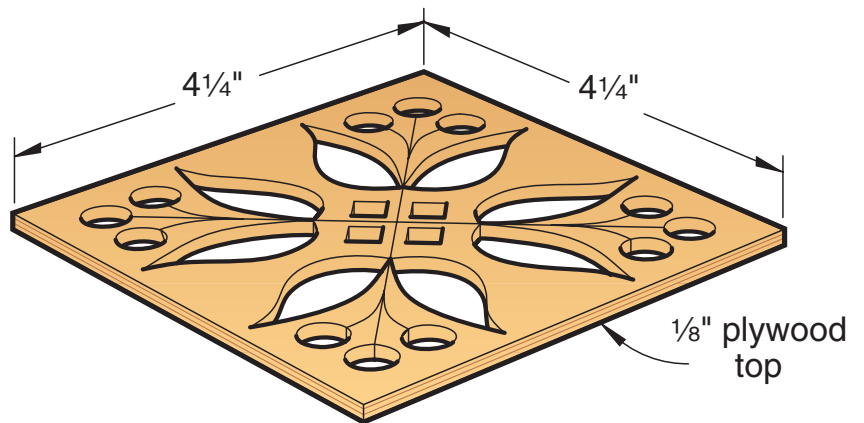


aroma therapy **Potpourri Box**

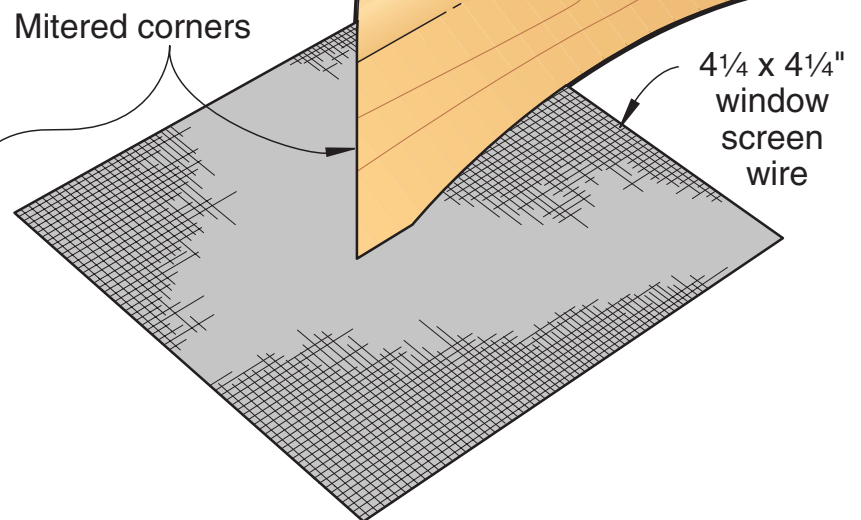
You can make this special potpourri container in just one evening. The screened bottom and decorative scroll-sawn top maximize air circulation for “scent-sational” results.



SECTION VIEW DETAIL



EXPLODED
VIEW



Power Tools Needed

- planer or jointer
- tablesaw
- scrollsaw
- router
- palm sander

Build the box from a board

1 Cut a piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ "-thick stock to 2" wide by 24" long. (We planed down a $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick piece of lacewood. See the Buying Guide for our source of this stock and the $\frac{1}{8}$ " Baltic birch plywood.)

2 As shown in Steps 1 and 2 of the Tablesaw Setup drawing, *right*, cut a pair of $\frac{1}{8}$ "-deep rabbets along the inside surface of the stock.

Now, employing Step 3 of the Router-Table Setup drawing at *right*, rout a partial round-over along the outside top edge of the board.

3 Miter-cut four 5" lengths of stock from the 24"-long board.

4 Transfer the radius from the full-size pattern on *page 5* to the bottom edge of one of the box sides. Cut and sand the radius to shape. Use this as a template to mark the three remaining box sides. Cut and sand each of the sides.

5 Dry-clamp the four pieces to check for tight corner joints. Then glue and clamp the pieces. For a no-clamp way to glue the mitered corners, start by placing all four pieces, inside faces down, on a flat surface. Align the bottom edges of all four box sides along a straightedge. With the mitered joints flush and tight, adhere a strip of masking tape down the center of the four pieces. Flip the assembly over, and apply glue to the mating ends as shown on the Clamping the Box drawing. Fold the pieces together, and attach the tape tail to the open end. Later, remove the tape and sand the box.

Make the top, and apply the finish

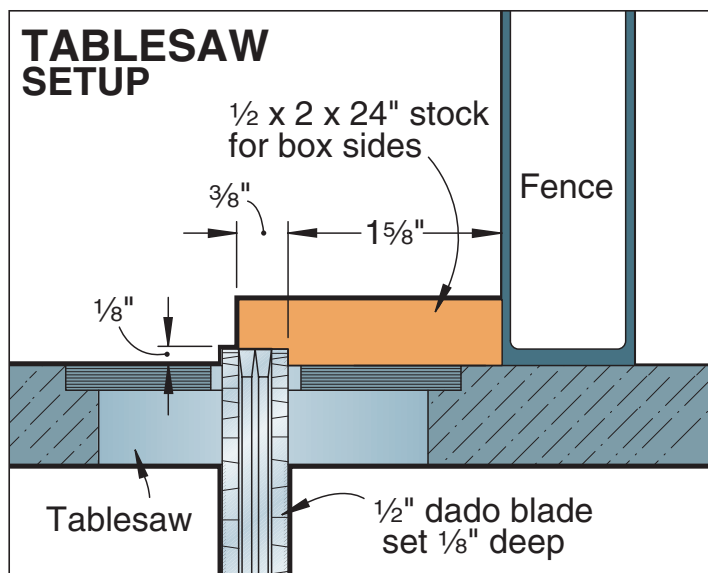
1 Cut a piece of Baltic birch plywood that measures $\frac{1}{8} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ " to fit into the rabbeted top opening in the box.

2 Apply the full-size pattern to the top of the plywood. Tape a piece of stock to the bottom of the lid to act as a backing board to prevent chip-out. Using a Forstner bit, drill the $\frac{3}{8}$ " holes through the lid. Then scrollsaw the openings in the lid to shape. Drill blade start holes, and cut the squares to shape.

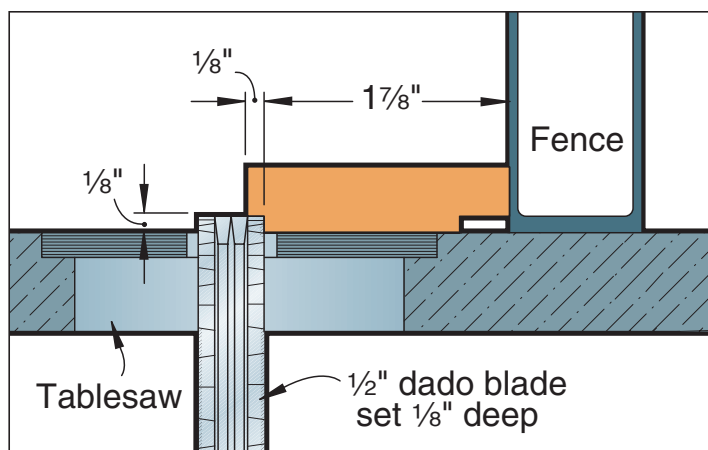
3 Remove the pattern, and lightly sand with 220-grit sandpaper. Apply a clear finish to the box and lid. (We used Deft aerosol lacquer.)

4 Cut a piece of window screen to $4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ ", and secure it into the bottom rabbet with hot-melt adhesive. Fill the box with potpourri. (See recipe *page 4*.) ♣

TABLESAW SETUP

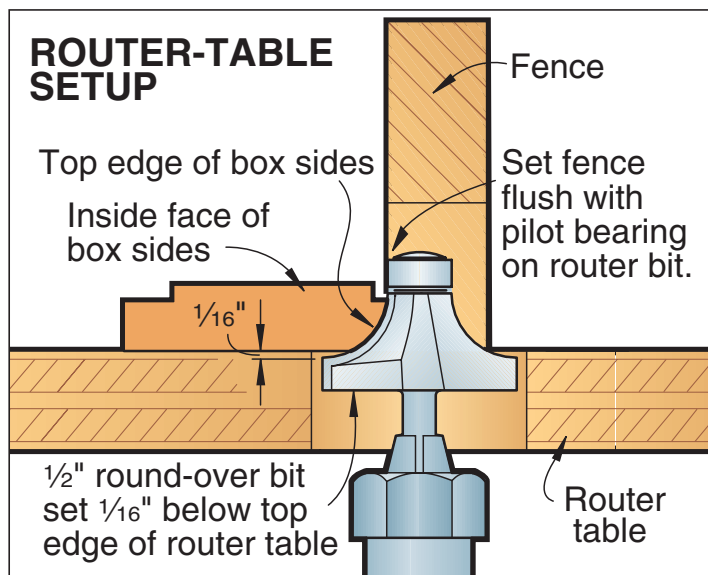


STEP 1 Cut a $\frac{3}{8}$ " rabbet $\frac{1}{8}$ " deep along the bottom edge of the sides for the window screen.



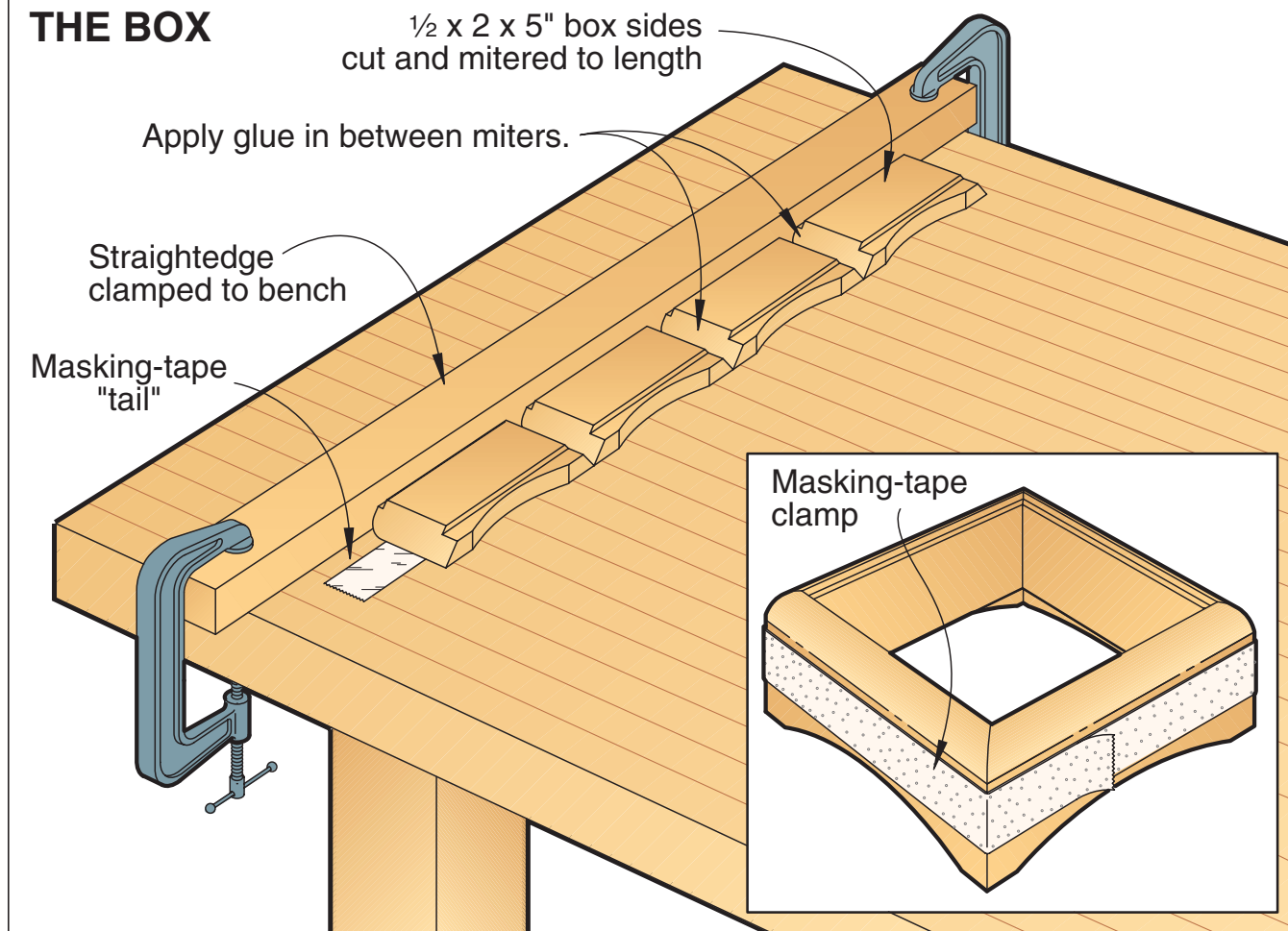
STEP 2 Cut a $\frac{1}{8}$ " rabbet $\frac{1}{8}$ " deep along the top edge of the sides for the plywood top.

ROUTER-TABLE SETUP



STEP 3 Rout partial round-over along top edges of box sides.

CLAMPING THE BOX



Try this potpourri recipe

Sunny Citrus Potpourri. Start with thin slices of dried orange, lemon, lime, and grapefruit. Also gather 1/2 cup cinnamon-stick pieces, 3 tablespoons whole cloves, 2 tablespoons whole star anise, 1 tablespoon broken-up dried orange peel, 1/2 oz. orange essential oil, 1/2 oz. cinnamon essential oil, 1/2 oz. anise essential oil, 1/4 cup orrisroot or corncob chips, 12 whole dried kumquats, 1/2 cup small bay leaves, 1/2 cup lemon verbena leaves, 1/2 cup rose hips; 1/2 cup dried lemon balm leaves, and 1/2 cup dried marigold petals.

Make Your Mix. Combine the cinnamon-stick pieces with the next seven ingredients and stir. Add the dried citrus slices and the remaining ingredients. Stir again and place the mixture in a sealed glass jar. Let it age for two weeks, stirring occasionally. Then pour it into your potpourri box.

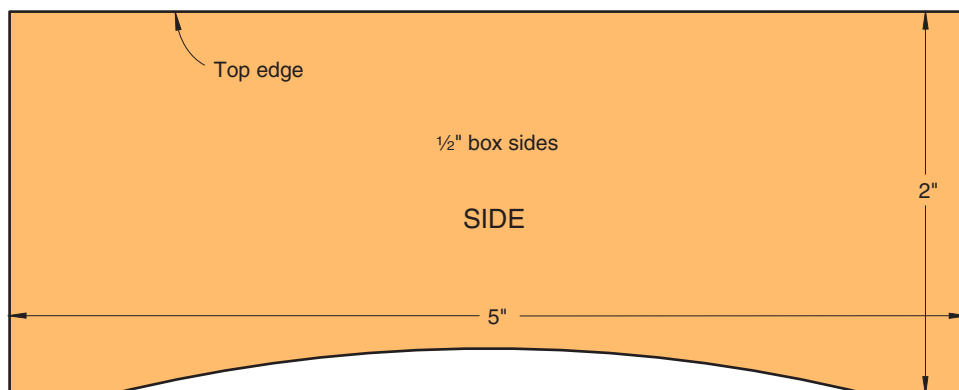
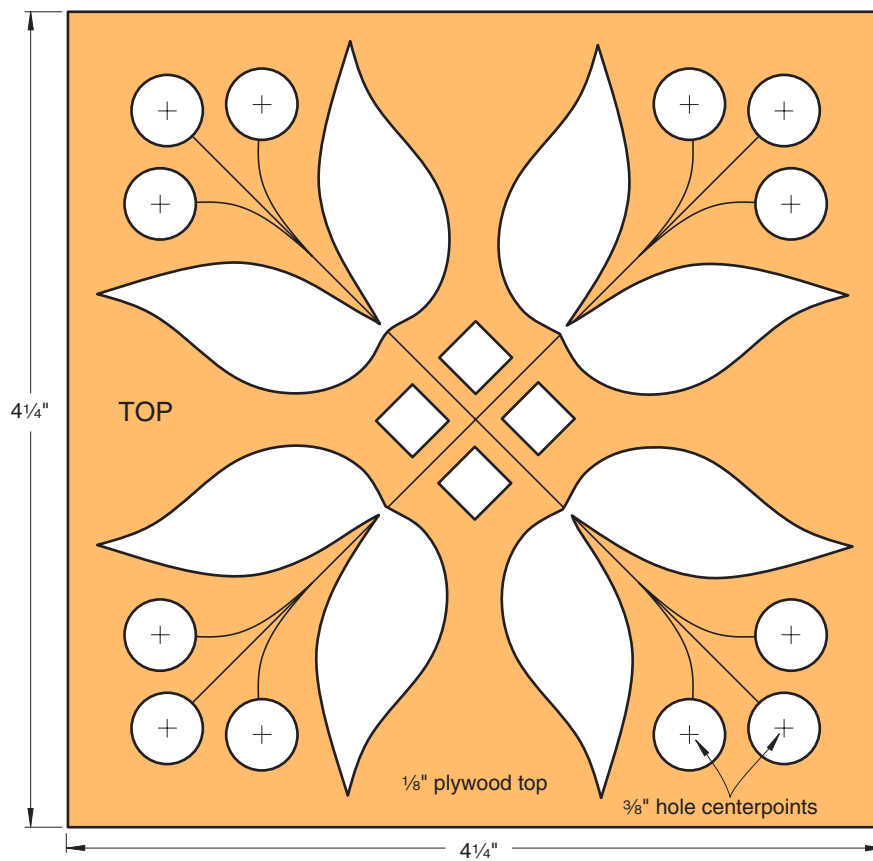
Buying Guide Lumber kit.

Enough 1/2" lacewood and 1/8" Baltic birch plywood for one box, Kit no. 843. Enough stock for five boxes, Kit no. W843. Heritage Building Specialties, 205 N. Cascade St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Call 800/524-4184 to order and current prices.

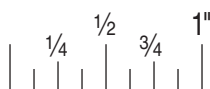
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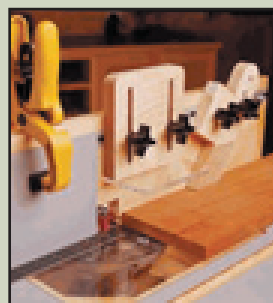


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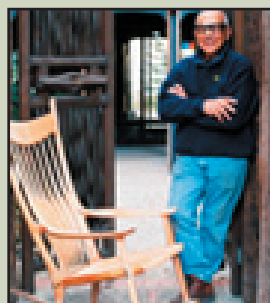
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