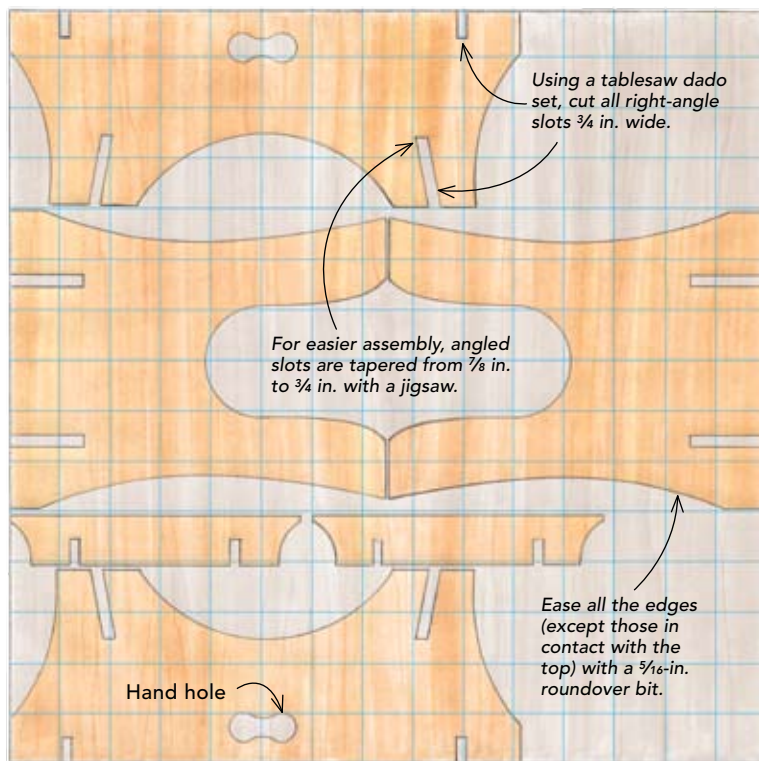
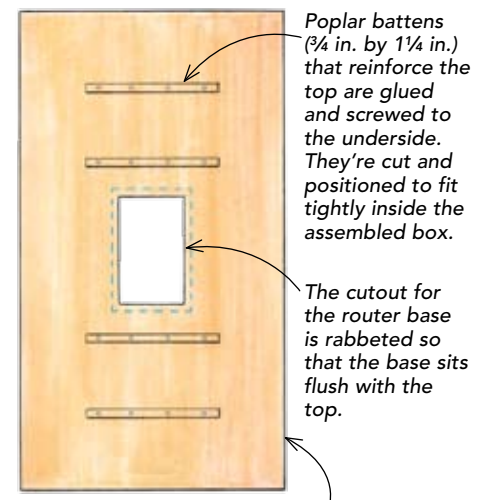


GET THE BASE PARTS FROM A SINGLE 5x5 SHEET



Each square measures 4 in. by 4 in.

All six pieces for the base can be cut from a standard 5-ft. by 5-ft. sheet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. Baltic-birch plywood. Heavier, stronger, and more durable than regular hardwood plywood, Baltic birch is just slightly thicker than $1\frac{1}{16}$ in., so it slides into $\frac{3}{4}$ -in.-wide slots and locks together nicely. A comparable U.S.-made product, ApplePly (www.statesind.com), is available in 4x8 sheets. The top, shown below, is made from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in.-thick medium-density fiberboard (MDF).



With all edges eased with a $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. roundover bit, the MDF top is smooth and surprisingly tough.