



Bow-Making Basics

To make the bow for your box, follow the steps below, using the wood, patterns, and drill bit specified in the project instructions.

**1**

Attaching the loop patterns. Fold the loop patterns along the dotted lines and attach to the wood with repositionable adhesive. Attach the drilled side of the pattern to the plain [non-striped] side of the strip. The face side of the pattern is always attached to the striped side of the strip.

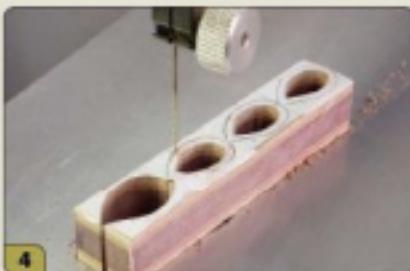
**3**

Cutting the inside of the loops. Cut out the inside of the loops. Remove the waste.

Keep in mind that the thickness of the blank for loops and tails is determined by the lamination used, and will match the face side of the pattern.

**2**

Drilling the inside of the loops. To keep the pattern from shredding when holes are drilled, cover the drilled side with clear packing tape. Drill the holes where indicated on the pattern, using the drill bit specified for that project.

**4**

Cutting the outside of the loops. Cut along the outer line of the loops. If you are using a strip, start at the bottom. When all loops are cut, tape them back securely into their original position.

**5**

Cutting the face of the loops. Turn the wood so that the pattern side marked "face" is up. Cut along the side of each loop. If you are using a strip, start at the bottom, remove the loop when cut, and remove the waste before cutting the next loop.

**6**

Sanding the loops. Sand the loops inside and out to remove irregularities and blade marks. Soften and thin the outer edges as desired.



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Attaching the tails pattern. Using repositionable adhesive, attach the tails pattern to the prepared strip of wood. The face of the tails is always attached to the striped side of the wood.



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Cutting the sides of the tails. Cut along the curved sides of each tail, keeping them in order after cutting. Tape the tails and waste back together securely with clear tape.



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Cutting the face of the tails. Place the strip face side up and cut along the lines to complete the tails.

Speedy Loops

If you have a vertical belt sander, it's much faster to cut only the drilled side of the loop, then shape the sides of the face by sanding. Here's how to do it:



1

Remove each loop after the first side is cut. Mark the loop about $\frac{1}{2}$ " (3mm) from the bottom edge. Extend the mark slightly onto the side of the loop.



2

Sand the outside of the loop smooth.



3

Shape the sides of the loop, using your marks as guides.



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Sanding the tails. Sand the pieces smooth and thin the edges as desired.