Dovetail Markers Extras



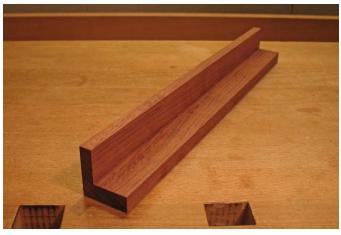
1 Cut the large rabbet in small increments at the router table. Alternatively, hog out most of the waste on the table saw. The wood must be free of internal stress.



2 Make the last pass to take off just a sliver, perhaps $^{1}/_{32}$ ", from each wall of the rabbet. This will produce clean surfaces and an accurately square rabbet.



Q Rip free a $1^{1}/2^{11}$ strip containing the rabbet.



The result.



Square the edge of a small sheet of MDF about 10" wide.



6 After setting the miter gauge at the dovetail angle, crosscut to make the wedge.



This shows the wedge and workpiece setup in crosscutting the first slope of the marker. Sandpaper on the front of the wedge will prevent sliding of the workpiece (which would result in inaccurate surfaces on the marker)



8 Setting up to cut the second slope. The wedge has been flipped. The workpiece, with the first slope cut, is extended past the blade to produce a marker about $1^1/4^{\prime\prime}$ wide.



9 Here is an overhead view prior to cutting the second slope. Note that the two slopes will converge at the bottom of the marker.



10 The finished marker in use. It has enough width to register firmly on the end of the board, but is not so wide as to be unstable when working near the edge of a board with some of the marker overhanging. These markers work for tails-first or pins-first dovetailing.



12 Make 'em in various angles of your choosing. And happy dovetailing!

Bubinga works well for the markers.