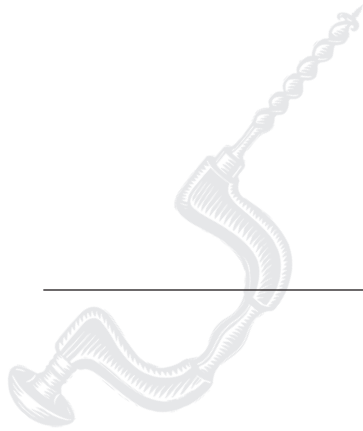
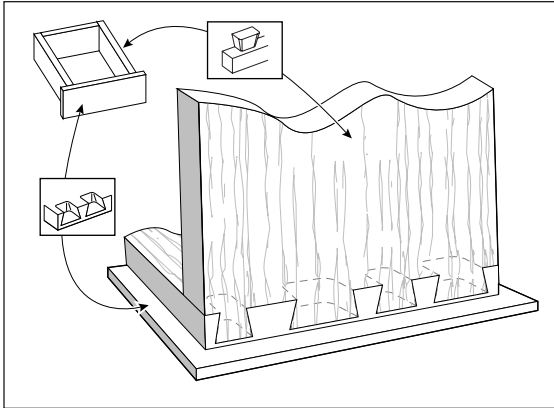


Rabbetted Half-Blind Dovetails

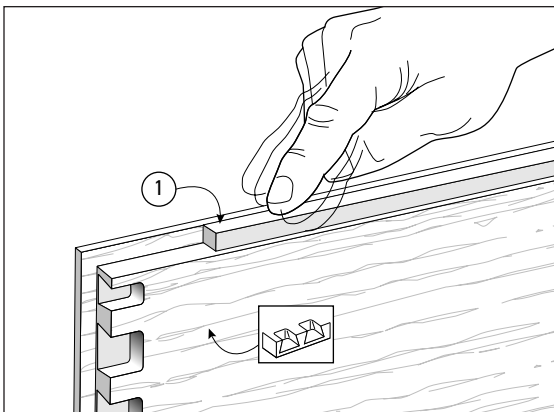


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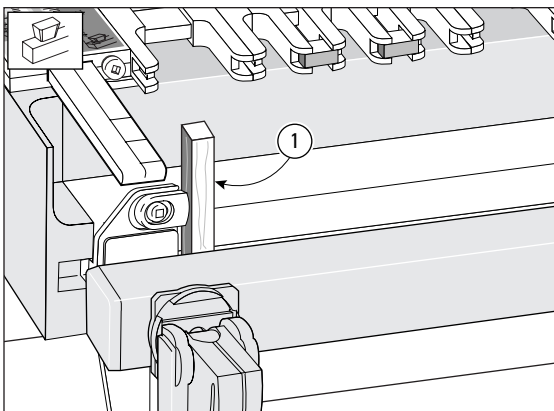
Before attempting rabbetted half-blind dovetails, first master the techniques of flush half-blind dovetails in the previous chapter.

**11-1**

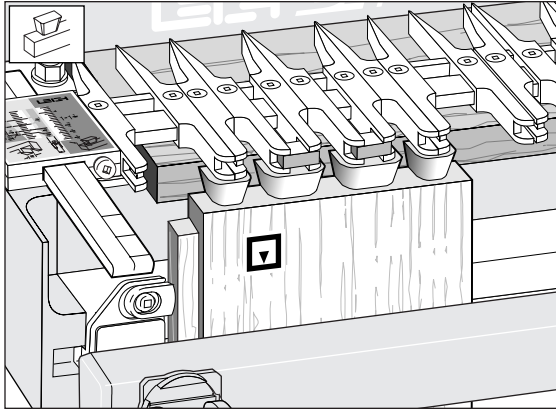
Mount and rout rabbeted drawer fronts and sides exactly the same way as flush drawer fronts, except...

**11-2**

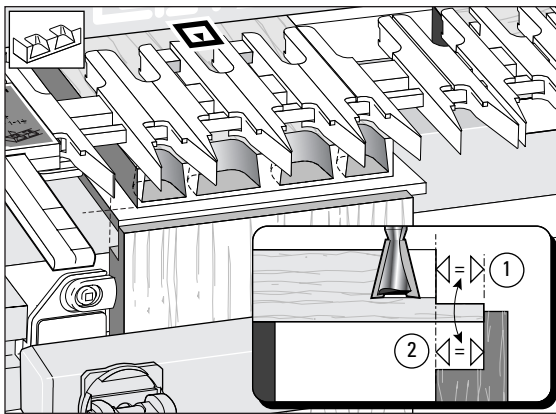
The drawer side must be blocked away from the front side stop by exactly the depth of the rabbet. So make up a block ① and...

**11-3**

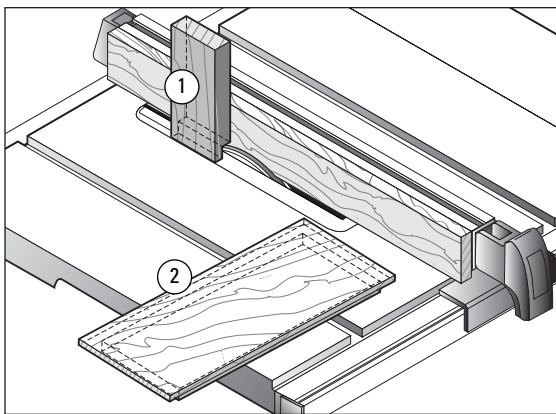
Stick the block ① to the jig face with double-sided tape, making sure it touches the side stop.

**11-4**

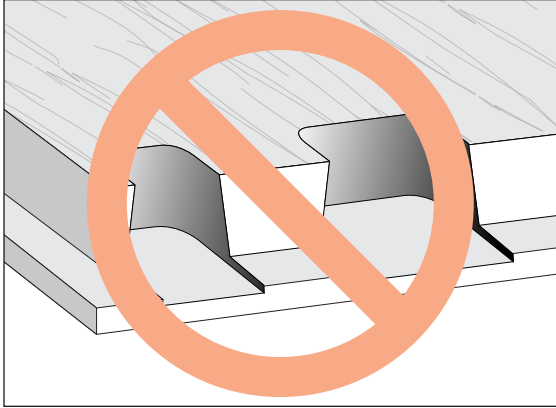
The drawer side will now be stepped in from the side stop by the width of the rabbett, bringing the sockets in line with the pins.

**11-5 Rabbetted Pins**

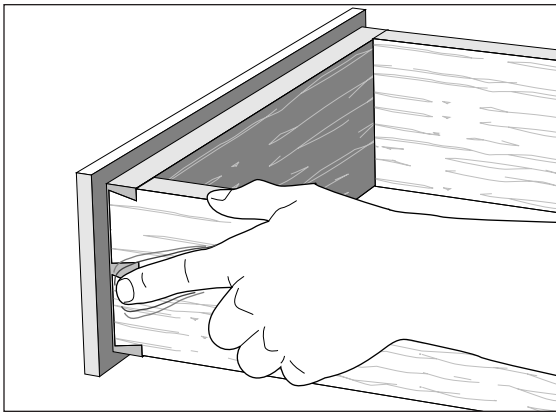
Block the scrap stop in the front of the jig out from the jig's front face by exactly the depth of the rabbett ①. This brings the pin ends exactly in line with the front jig face ②, ensuring that the scale reading is accurate.

**11-6**

An easy accurate way to do this is to rabbett the end of the scrap piece ① vertically over the dado blade at the same time as you rabbett the drawer front (horizontally) ②.

**11-7**

Make sure you select a dovetail cutter that has a working depth of cut less than the rabbet height. Otherwise, you will rout into the rabbet.

**11-8**

It is difficult to clean up the drawer sides and front corner after assembling a rabbeted drawer, so make sure the fit is flush before you complete the drawers. See 10-29 to 10-31.

