



LEIGH SUPER 18 JIG

\$399

Spacing: Variable

Stock width (max.): 18 in.

Stock thickness: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{13}{16}$ in. for through-dovetails (pins board can be 1 in.); $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{13}{16}$ in. for half-blinds

Half-blind depth: $\frac{7}{32}$ in. to $\frac{3}{4}$ in.



This jig is a value-oriented alternative to the Leigh D4R, but its template system is just as excellent. (We tested the 18-in. model, but there are 12- and 24-in. versions, too.) The template fingers don't split in half for extrawide pins, but that's not a priority for most of us. Also, the jig's reference surfaces are not milled but are covered with coarse sandpaper, which holds workpieces powerfully.

The Super Jig actually has a few advantages over the D4R Pro. Its template fingers are a little closer together ($\frac{7}{8}$ in. vs. 1 in.), meaning you can cluster pins and tails closer, such as at the center of a joint. And we found its guide lines easier to see and line up precisely. The only true drawback was the Super Jig's more limited stock-thickness capacity (as with the other Leigh jigs, you need accessory bits to reach the full range of thicknesses and half-blind depth). Like the D4R, the bushing on the Super Jig is eccentric, so you must keep the router in the same orientation to get perfect joints.



Simpler fingers. These don't split for extrawide pins, but they are just as accurate as those on the D4R.