

'Extra Hand' Blade holder

The more we work with changing blades in the scroll saw it does not become easier. This is even more evident as we continue to have birthdays, and the hands do not function like they did in the past. Along with that, the eyes keep having more difficulty in seeing what we need to do to get the blade in the correct position, especially the bottom blade holder.

Many of you know the feeling when you put the blade in and the teeth end up on the **backside** of the blade, especially when you work with the **smaller blades** doing **Portraits** and **Fretwork**.

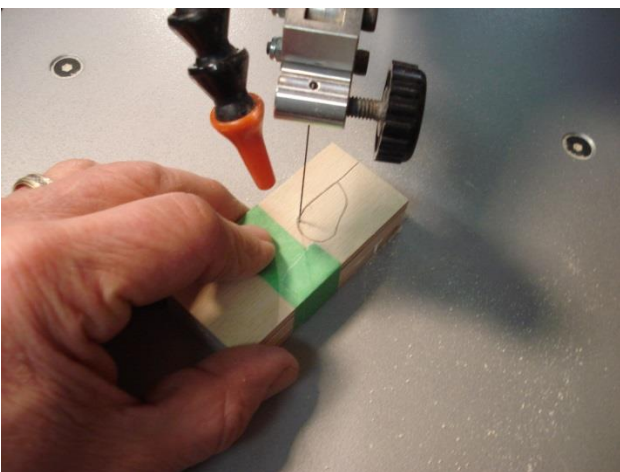
*I have come up with an idea I want to share with you.
I hope it works for you as well as it has for me.*



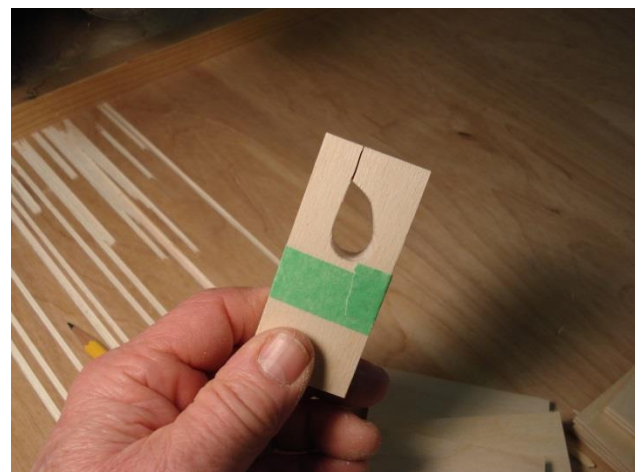
A. Tape up (3) 1- 3/8" X 3 -1/8" X 1/8" BB plywood



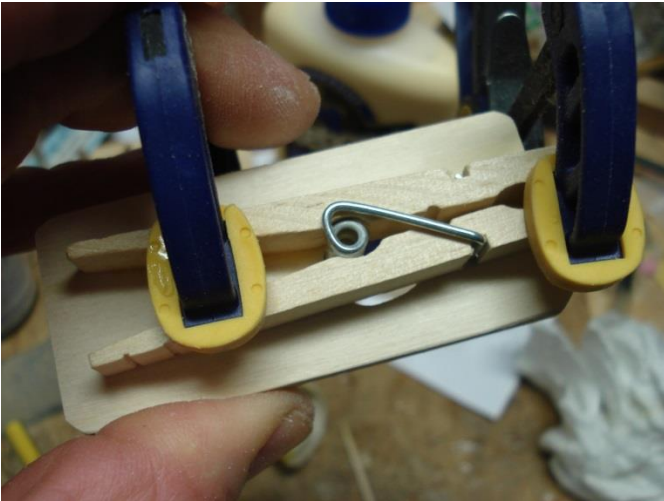
B. Trace pattern (Shape cut out to fit cloths pin spring)



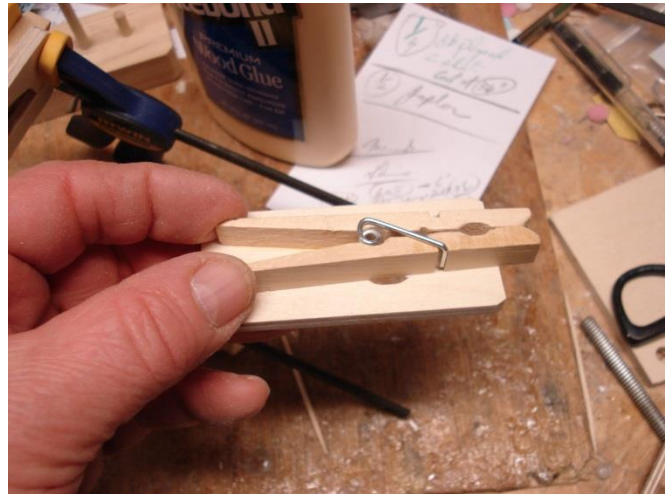
C. Cut in from the outside with a number 5 DT blade



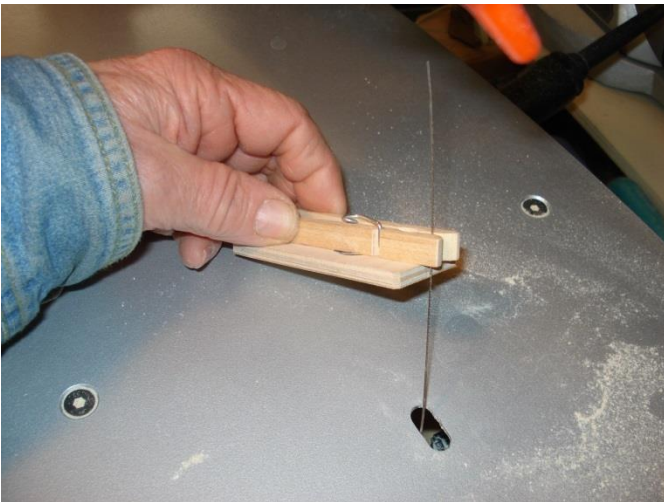
D. Finished cut (Go back out entrance cut)



E. Put glue on the back of the **Top Half** of the clothes pin & clamp
(Make sure the spring portion fits correctly in the cut out)



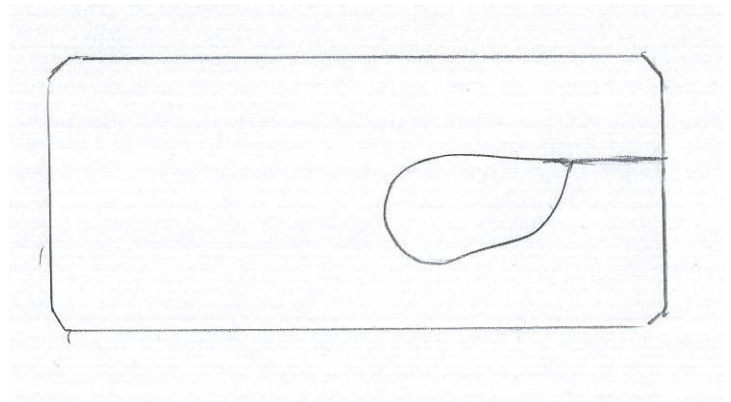
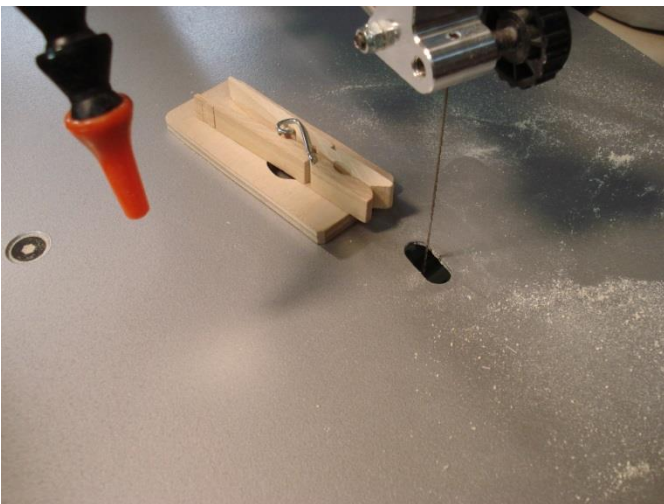
F. After it dries-**The bottom half will open and close**



G. **THE TEETH STAY FORWARD** while you lower the blade into place



H. You can now put **both hands** under the table to secure the blade



This little **'Extra Hand'** jig saves a lot of headaches. Mr. "M"