

WORKSHOP 9

Making a Nightstand 2

Dowel Joinery, Table Top, Table Shelf

Date/Time: Saturday, Xtember tbd, 9 am to 12 noon

Location: Mentor's shop

Mentors: tbd

Content: Follows FineWoodworking.com video "Getting Started in Woodworking" Season 3, Strong, Simple Dowel Joinery, Session 4; Making a Tabletop, Session 5; Adding a Shelf, Session 6

Description:

Simple Dowel Joinery

For the beginning woodworker, nothing could be easier than dowel joinery. Even so, it is a perfectly acceptable—and strong—alternative to the traditional mortise-and-tenon joint. Better yet, you can join furniture components without any special skills using this technique. All you need is a cheap, [simple doweling jig](#) available online or at your local woodworking supply shop. You will learn how to tackle dowel joinery, and even how to hotrod your doweling jig to achieve beautiful leg-rail joints that are slightly offset, offering a beautiful shadow line that will give your projects a truly professional appearance.



Making a Tabletop;

The top is one of the most prominent features of any table, and one that most novice woodworkers often treat as an afterthought. Fact is, careful wood selection and special attention to grain matching can help to make one tabletop built from two or three separate pieces of wood look like one, beautiful, wide board.

In this workshop you are shown how to carefully select and orient the right boards for your tabletop, and then glue them together using—you guessed it—a simple dowel jig. Plus, you'll learn how to add a simple, yet elegant under-bevel to your tabletop—yet another feature to set your project apart from the pack.

Adding a Shelf;

In this workshop we show you how to use dowels to attach the shelf to the table. It's a rock-solid method that's easy to execute, invisible, and super-strong. You'll learn how to use dowel centers to accurately drill matching dowel holes and begin to see the entire table really come together!

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Preparation:

1. Register with Bob Mills at 248-535-6718 or 248-540-8658
2. View the “Getting Started in Woodworking” videos, Season 3, Sessions 4, 5 & 6 at <http://www.startwoodworking.com/getting-started>
3. Download and read “Nightstand with Shelf” Digital Project Plan by Michael Pekovich at <http://www.startwoodworking.com/sites/startwoodworking.com/files/Getting-Started-Walnut-Nightstand.pdf>
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