CHAPTER 16 Quick Reference

Board Width Selection for Dovetails

Through Dovetails (Full Pitch)

Board widths are based on the number of full tails (A) in your design. Board edges should always end in a half-pin (B).



		Board	Widt	h Sele	ction	for Th	rough	Dove	tails		
No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
s	Min	1 7⁄16"	3"	4 %16"	6 1⁄8"	7 11⁄16"	9 ¼"	10 13/16"	12 3⁄8"	13 ¹⁵ ⁄16"	15 ½"
nches	Exact	1 %16"	3 1⁄8"	4 11/16"	6¼"	7 ¹ 3⁄16"	9 3 ⁄8"	10 15/16"	12 ½"	14 1⁄16"	15 5⁄8"
-	Max	1 15/16"	3 1⁄2"	5 ¼16"	6 5⁄8"	8 ³ ⁄16"	9 ¾"	11 5⁄16"	12 7⁄8"	147/16"	16"
No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ters	Min	37	76	116	156	196	235	275	315	355	394
Millimeters	Exact	40	80	119	159	199	239	278	318	358	398
Mil	Max	49	89	129	169	208	248	288	328	367	407

Half-Pitch Through Dovetails

Board widths are based on the number of full tails B in your design. Board edges should always end in a half-pin B.



No. of Tails 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Min 23/32" 1 ½" 2 ½" 3 ½%" 3 ½" 6 ¾6" 6 ¾5" 7 ¾" 8 ൸ 9 ¾6" 10 ¾2" 10 ¾2" 10 ¾2" 12 ¼2" 12 ¼2" 12 ¼2" 14" 14 № 14 № 5%"	
Min ²³ / ₃₂ " 1 ¹ / ₂ " 2 ⁹ / ₃₂ " 3 ¹ / ₁₆ " 3 ²⁷ / ₃₂ " 4 ⁵ / ₈ " 5 ¹³ / ₃₂ " 6 ³ / ₁₆ " 6 ³¹ / ₃₂ " 7 ³ / ₄ " 8 ¹⁷ / ₃₂ " 9 ⁵ / ₁₆ " 10 ³ / ₃₂ " 10 ⁷ / ₈ " 11 ²¹ / ₃₂ " 12 ⁷ / ₁₆ " 13 ⁷ / ₃₂ " 14" 14 ²⁵ / ₃₂ "	
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Half-Blind Dovetails

Board widths are based on the number of full tails (A) in the joint design. Board edges always end with a half pin (B). Board widths in the chart below may be increased by 1/4" [6mm] or decreased by 1/8" [3mm] if required.

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No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
s	Min	21/32"	1 1⁄16"	2 7/32"	3 "	3 ²⁵ / ₃₂ "	4 %16"	5 11/32"	6 1⁄8"	6 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	7 11⁄16"	8 15/32"	9¼"	10 1/32"	10 ¹³ ⁄16"	11 ¹⁹ ⁄32"	12 3⁄8"	13 5⁄32"	13 15/16"	14 23/32"	15 ½"
Inches	Exact	²⁵ / ₃₂ "	1 %16"	2 11/32"	3 1⁄8"	3 ²⁹ ⁄32"	4 ¹ 1⁄16"	5 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ "	6¼"	7 ¼32"	7 ¹³ ⁄16"	8 ¹⁹ / ₃₂ "	9 3/ 8"	10 5⁄32"	10 15/16"	11 ² 3/ ₃₂ "	12½"	13 %32"	14 1⁄16"	14 27/32"	15 5⁄8"
-	Max	1 1⁄32"	1 ¹³ ⁄16"	2 1%32"	3 3⁄8"	4 5/32"	4 ¹⁵ ⁄16"	5 ²³ / ₃₂ "	6½"	7 %32"	8 1/16"	8 27/32"	9 5⁄8"	10 ¹ 3/32"	11 ¾16"	11 ³¹ / ₃₂ "	12 3⁄4"	13 17/32"	14 5⁄16"	15 3⁄32"	15 7⁄8"
No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ters	Min	17	37	56	76	96	116	136	155	175	195	215	234	254	274	294	313	333	353	373	392
ime	Exact	20	40	60	79	99	119	139	158	178	198	217	237	257	277	297	316	336	356	376	395
Mill	Max	26	45	65	85	105	124	144	164	184	203	223	243	263	282	302	322	342	361	381	401

Board Width Selection for Box Joints

Symmetrical Joints have a full pin at

3/8" Box Joints

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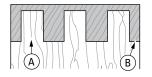
Board widths are determined by the total number of pins and sockets in the joint design and whether the joint is symmetrical or asymmetrical. Use this chart to determine board widths up to 16" [406mm].

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				S	ymm	etric	al Boa	ard V	Vidth	Cha	rt for	3/8"	Box J	oints							
otal Pins & Sockets	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41	
nches	1 5⁄32"	1 15/16"	2 ²³ / ₃₂ "	3½"	4 %32"	5 ¼16"	5 ²⁷ / ₃₂ "	6 5⁄8"	7 ¹³ ⁄32"	8 ¾16"	8 31/32"	9 ¾"	10 17/32"	11 5⁄16"	12 3⁄32"	12 7⁄8"	13 21/32"	147⁄16"	15 7/32"	16	
Aillimeters	29	49	69	89	109	129	148	168	188	208	228	248	267	287	307	327	347	367	387	406	l
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Total Pins & Sockets 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 1 %16" 2 11/32" 3 1/8" 3 29/32" 4 11/16" 5 15/32" 6¼" 7 1/32" 7 13/16" 8 19/32" 10 5/32" 10 15/16" 11 23/32" 12 1⁄2" 13 %32" 14 1/16" 14 27/32" 15 5/8" 9 3/8" Inches Millimeters 40 60 99 119 139 159 179 198 218 238 258 279 298 318 337 357 377 397 79

3/8" Half-Blind Box Joints

Board widths are based on the number of full tails (1) in the joint design. Board edges always end with a half pin (B). Board widths may be increased by ¹/₄" [6mm] or decreased by ¹/₈" [3mm] if required.



Asymmetrical joints have a full pin on one edge

					Во	ard V	Vidt	n Selo	ectio	on fo	r 3/8	" Hal	f-Bli	nd Bo	x Joi	nts					
No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ň	Min	21/32"	1 1⁄16"	2 7/32"	3 "	3 ²⁵ /32"	4 %16"	5 11/32"	6 1⁄8"	6 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	7 11⁄16"	8 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ "	9 ¼"	10 1/32"	10 ¹³ ⁄16"	11 19/32"	12 3⁄8"	13 5⁄32"	13 15/16"	14 23/32"	15 ½"
Inches	Exact	25/32"	1 %16"	2 11/32"	3 1⁄8"	3 ²⁹ /32"	4 11/16"	5 ¹⁵ /32"	6¼"	7 ¼32"	7 ¹³ ⁄16"	8 ¹⁹ / ₃₂ "	9 3/ 8"	10 5⁄32"	10 ¹⁵ ⁄16"	11 ²³ / ₃₂ "	12 1⁄2"	13 %32"	14 1⁄16"	14 27/32"	15 5⁄8"
	Max	1 1⁄32"	1 ¹³ ⁄16"	2 ¹ %2"	3 ¾"	4 5⁄32"	4 ¹⁵ ⁄16"	5 ²³ / ₃₂ "	6½"	7 %32"	8 ¼16"	8 ²⁷ / ₃₂ "	9 5⁄8"	10 ¹³ / ₃₂ "	11 ¾16"	11 ³¹ / ₃₂ "	12 3⁄4"	13 17/32"	14 5⁄16"	15 ¾2"	15 7⁄8"
No. of Tails		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ters	Min	17	37	56	76	96	116	136	155	175	195	215	234	254	274	294	313	333	353	373	392
Millimeters	Exact	20	40	60	79	99	119	139	158	178	198	217	237	257	277	297	316	336	356	376	395
Mil	Max	26	45	65	85	105	124	144	164	184	203	223	243	263	282	302	322	342	361	381	401

3/4" Box Joints

Board widths are determined by the total number of pins and sockets in the joint design and whether the joint is symmetrical or asymmetrical. Use this chart to determine board widths up to 15⁵/₈" [397mm].



Symmetrical Joints have a full pin at each board edge. Total no. of pins and sockets is always an odd number.



Asymmetrical joints have a full pin on one edge and a full socket on the other edge. Total no. of pins and sockets is always an even number.

	Syr	nmetric	al Board	Width (Chart for	3/4" Bo	x Joints							
Total Pins & Sockets	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19					
Inches	2 11/32"	3 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	5 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ "	7 ¼32"	8 ¹ %2"	10 5⁄32"	11 ² 3⁄32"	13 %32"	14 27/32"					
Millimeters	60	99	139	179	218	258	298	337	377					
Asymmetrical Board Width Chart for 3/4" Box Joints														
Total Pins & Sockets		4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20				
Inches		3 1⁄8"	4 11/16"	6 1⁄4"	7 ¹³ ⁄16"	9 3 ⁄8"	10 15/16"	12½"	14 ¼16"	15 5⁄8"				

Board Width Selection for Box Joints cont.

3/16" Box Joints

Board widths are determined by the total number of pins and sockets in the joint design and whether the joint is symmetrical or asymmetrical. Use this chart to determine board widths up to 8'' [203mm] for 3/16'' joints. For wider boards, see leightools.com.



Symmetrical Joints have a full pin at each board edge. The total number of pins and sockets will always be an odd number.



Asymmetrical Joints have a full pin at one edge and a full socket at the other. The total number of pins and sockets will always be an even number.

	Symmetrical Board Width Chart for 3/16" Box Joints																			
Total Pins & Sockets	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41
Inches	%16"	31/32"	1 11/32"	1 ¾"	2 1⁄8"	2 ¹⁷ / ₃₂ "	2 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	3 5⁄16"	3 ¹ 1⁄16"	4 3⁄32"	4 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ "	4 7⁄8"	5 1⁄4"	5 ²¹ / ₃₂ "	6 1/32"	6 7⁄16"	6 ¹³ ⁄16"	7 7⁄32"	7 ¹⁹ ⁄32"	8"
Millimeters	14	25	34	44	54	64	74	84	94	104	114	124	133	144	153	164	173	183	193	203
	Asymmetrical Board Width Chart for 3/16" Box Joints																			
Total Pins & Sockets		4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
Inches		25/32"	1 5⁄32"	1 %16"	1 ¹⁵ ⁄16"	2 11/32"	2 ² 3/ ₃₂ "	3 1/8"	31⁄2"	3 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	4 %32"	4 11/16"	5 ¼16"	5 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ "	5 ²⁷ / ₃₂ "	6¼"	6 5⁄8"	7 ¼32"	7 ¹ 3⁄32"	7 ¹³ ⁄16"
Millimeters		20	29	40	49	60	69	79	89	99	109	119	129	139	148	159	168	179	188	198

3/32" Box Joints

Board widths are determined by the total number of pins and sockets in the joint design and whether the joint is symmetrical or asymmetrical. Use this chart to determine board widths up to 4"[102mm] for 3/32" joints. For wider boards, see leightools.com.



Symmetrical Joints have a full pin at each board edge. The total number of pins and sockets will always be an odd number.



Asymmetrical Joints have a full pin at one edge and a full socket at the other. The total number of pins and sockets will always be an even number.

Symmetrical Board Width Chart for 3/32" Box Joints																				
Total Pins & Sockets	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41
Inches																4				
Millimeters	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	71	77	82	87	91	97	102
	Asymmetrical Board Width Chart for 3/32" Box Joints																			
Total Pins & Sockets		4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
Inches		3⁄8"	%16"	25/32"	31/32"	1 5⁄32"	1 11/32"	1 %16"	1 3⁄4"	1 15/16"	2 1/8"	2 11/32"	2 17/32"	2 ²³ / ₃₂ "	2 ²⁹ / ₃₂ "	3 1⁄8"	3 5⁄16"	31⁄2"	3 11/16"	3 ²⁹ /32"
Millimeters		10	15	20	25	29	34	40	44	49	54	60	64	69	74	79	84	89	94	99



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