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 " | |
| N Contraction of the second seco | 32 15 9/16" |
| Exact 25/32" 1 %16" 2 11/32" 3 1/8" 3 29/32" 4 11/16" 5 15/32" 6 1/4" 7 1/32" 7 13/16" 8 19/32" 9 3/8" 10 5/32" 10 15/16" 11 23/32" 12 1/2" 13 9/32" 14 1/16" 14 27/32" Exact 25/32" 1 %16" 2 11/32" 3 1/8" 3 29/32" 4 11/16" 5 15/32" 6 1/4" 7 1/32" 7 13/16" 8 19/32" 9 3/8" 10 5/32" 10 15/16" 11 23/32" 12 1/2" 13 9/32" 14 1/16" 14 27/32" | /32" 15 5/8" |
| Max 2%2" 1 ¹¹ / ₁₆ " 2 ¹⁵ / ₃₂ " 3 ¹ / ₄ " 4 ¹ / ₃₂ " 4 ¹³ / ₁₆ " 5 ¹⁹ / ₃₂ " 6 ³ / ₈ " 7 ⁵ / ₃₂ " 7 ¹⁵ / ₁₆ " 8 ²³ / ₃₂ " 9 ¹ / ₂ " 10 ⁹ / ₃₂ " 11 ¹ / ₁₆ " 11 ²⁷ / ₃₂ " 12 ⁵ / ₈ " 13 ¹³ / ₃₂ " 14 ³ / ₁₆ " 14 ³¹ / ₃₂ " | /32" 15 3/4" |
| No. of Tails 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 | 20 |
| Min 18 38 58 77 97 117 137 156 176 196 216 235 255 275 295 314 334 354 374 | 4 393 |
| Exact 20 40 59 79 99 119 138 158 178 198 217 237 257 277 296 316 336 356 375 Max 23 43 62 82 102 122 141 161 181 201 220 240 260 280 299 319 339 359 378 | 5 395 |
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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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| A | | | | | | B |

| | | | | | | Boar | d Wi | dth S | ieleo | ction | for | Half-I | Blind | Dov | etails | 5 | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 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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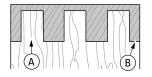
Board widths are determined by the total number of pins and sockets in the joint design and whether the joint is symmetrical or asymmetrical. Use this chart to determine board widths up to 16" [406mm].

| each | 1 boar | d edg | e. The lways | total | numl | per of | pins | | | | | and | a full s | ocket o | on the | other | edge. | | otal nun ber. | | |
|---------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------|------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------|-----|---|
| | | | | 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 |
| | | | | | Asym | metr | ical Bo | bard | Width | n Cha | rt for | 3/8" | Box J | oints | | | | | | | |
| | | 6 | (| 0 | 10 | 12 | 1.6 | 16 | 10 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 2.6 | 20 | 20 | 40 | |

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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