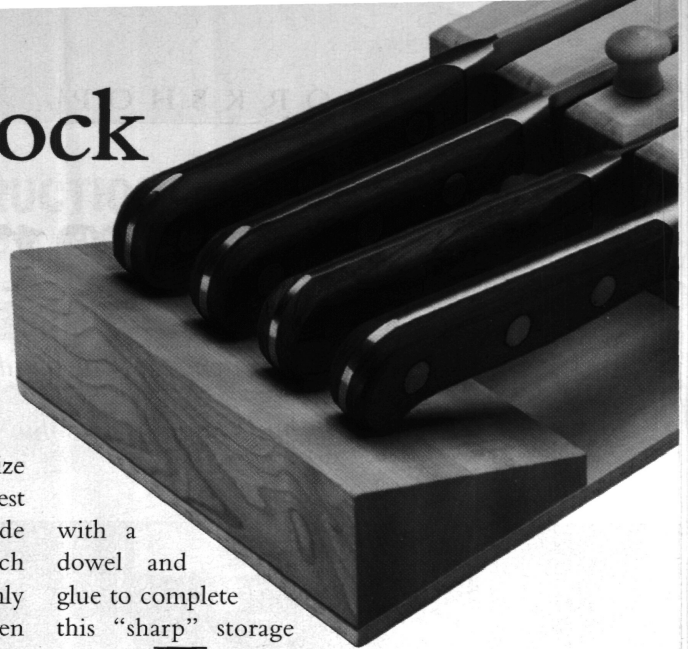


Optional Knife Block

Whether built to fit in the drawer divider or to stand alone, this knife block's unique design makes it a worthwhile project for your kitchen.




The blade dividers on this knife block space the knives so they're easy to grasp by any size hand. A sloping handle rest accommodates a variety of different length knives and keeps them from sliding back and forth every time the drawer opens and closes. Since the block isn't fastened to the drawer or the divider, it can be removed for cleaning. A simple wood knob makes it easy to lift out of the drawer.

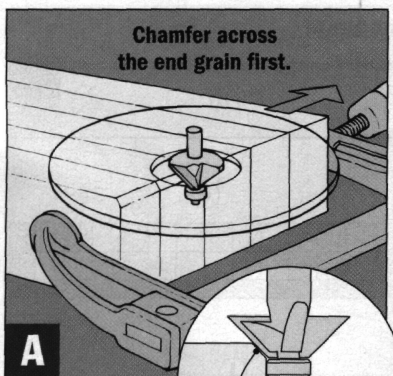
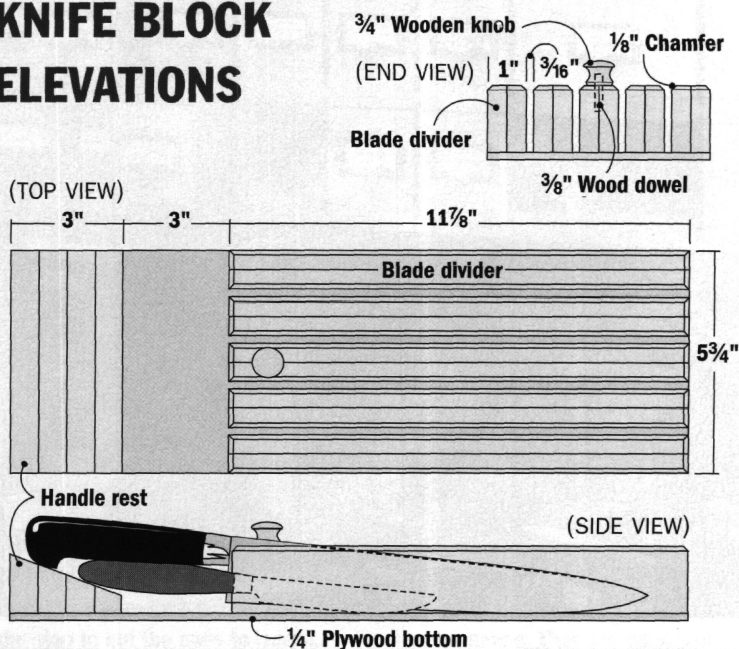
Get started on the knife block by ripping and gluing together 1/2"-thick pieces of wood for the blade dividers (KNIFE BLOCK ELEVATIONS). Leave these pieces a little long until the glue has set and then cut them to length. Chamfering the ends and edges adds a finished look and makes it easier to insert the blades (FIG. A).

Now glue up a blank for the handle rest. Make the blank a little larger than necessary so you can cut matching angles in two passes instead of trying to make one perfect cut (FIG. B). Glue and clamp the angled pieces together (FIG. C).

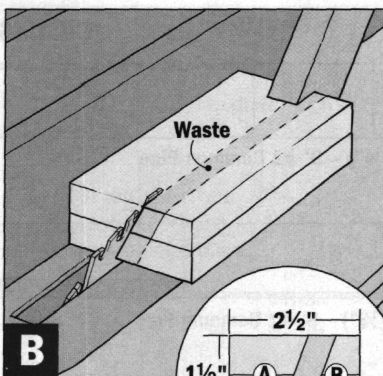
Cut a plywood bottom to size and glue and clamp the handle rest in place. Now add the blade dividers. Spread glue on each divider and then space them evenly across the plywood bottom. Fasten the wood knob onto the divider

with a dowel and glue to complete this "sharp" storage solution. 

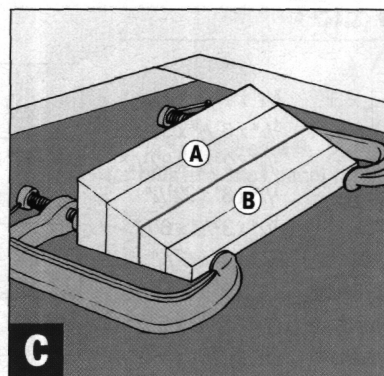
KNIFE BLOCK ELEVATIONS



A Chamfer across the end grain first. Clamp the blade dividers together and chamfer the ends. Separate the pieces and rout the edges.



B Set the table saw blade to 20° and cut the handle rest in two passes to make mating pieces.



C Glue and clamp the handle rest together. There may be a small ridge where the pieces meet (blue line). Sanding or planing will remove the ridge quickly.