

# How To Safely Make Bevel Cuts (Introduction)

Don't Hesitate To Ask For Help!

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#### Overview



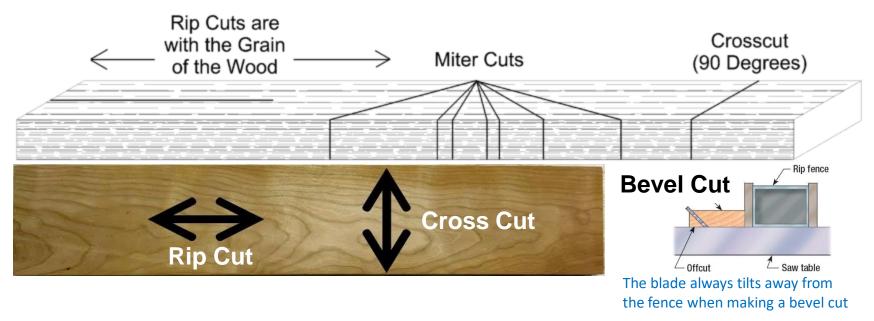
- Types of Cuts The Basics
- Useful Accessories
- Applicable Tools
  - Table Saw
  - Band Saw
  - Sliding Compound Miter Saw
  - Jointer
  - Router
  - CNC

# The Size And Complexity Of Your Project Has A Significant Impact On The Tool(s) You Use

#### Types of Cuts – The Basics



- Rip cuts with the grain to a <u>specific width</u>
- Cross Cuts across the grain to a <u>specific length</u>
- Miter Cuts across the grain to a <u>specific angle along the face</u>
- Bevel Cuts with the grain or across the grain to a <u>specific angle along an</u> edge



#### Type Of Cut Drives How To Set Up and Operate The Tool

#### **Useful Accessories**



#### Digital Angle Gauge







#### Digital Angle Finder





#### Six Inch Steel Ruler





#### Work Piece Size Affects Which Tool To Use



Tool	Maximum Thickness (45 and 90 degrees)	Minimum Length	Notes
Bandsaw – use the ½" blade	8-1/4"at 45° 13" at 90°	Minimum length: None Specified	<ol> <li>Smaller pieces up to larger pieces</li> <li>Risk of pinching and kick down</li> <li>Adjust table to required angle</li> </ol>
Table Saw	1-7/8"at 45° 2-3/4"at 90°	Minimum length 12"	<ol> <li>Larger pieces</li> <li>Risk of pinching and kickback</li> <li>Adjust blade to required angle</li> <li>May require removal of blade guard assembly (safety devices) – proceed with caution</li> <li>Sleds may be available to simplify the cuts</li> </ol>
Sliding Compound Miter Saw (Horizontal Work Piece)	2" at 45° 7" at 90°	Minimum length 12"	<ol> <li>Larger pieces</li> <li>Risk of pinching and kickback</li> <li>Can make compound cuts (e.g. crown molding)</li> </ol>
Sliding Compound Miter Saw (Vertical Work Piece)	7" at 45 <sup>0</sup> 7" at 90 <sup>0</sup>	Minimum length 12"	<ol> <li>Larger pieces</li> <li>Risk of pinching and kickback</li> <li>Can make compound cuts (e.g. crown molding)</li> </ol>
8" Jointer	7" at 45° 8" at 90°	Minimum length 12"	<ol> <li>Larger pieces</li> <li>Adjust fence to required angle</li> <li>Not normally used for bevel cuts but is a documented capability of the tool.</li> </ol>
Router	Bit Dependent	Minimum length: None Specified	<ol> <li>Smaller pieces up to larger pieces</li> <li>Router bit defines the angle</li> <li>Not normally used for bevel cuts but can be used.</li> </ol>
CNC	None Specified	Minimum length: None Specified	<ol> <li>Smaller pieces up to larger pieces</li> <li>CNC bit defines the angle</li> <li>Must complete training and be certified</li> </ol>

#### Next Steps



- Plan or review your project and cuts
  - Pay attention to the thickness, length, and width of your work pieces
    - Include additional length or width to work pieces if required in order to safely make cuts
- Based on the matrix,
  - Review the detailed guides for making bevel cuts for appropriate tool(s)
  - Determine which tool is the safest to use for your project
    - Assess the benefits and risks based on your experience and the safeguards available with each tool
    - If you're not sure, ask for help
- Make your cuts



# Appendix A

Quick Overview
Positioning The Work Piece

## Bandsaw







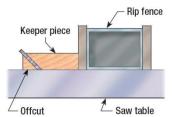




Maximum Thickness 8-1/4" At 45°

#### **Table Saw**





The blade always tilts away from the fence when making a bevel cut

#### Maximum Thickness:

1-7/8" at 45°

2-3/4"at 90°



Work Piece Secured Against The Fence For Rip Cut







Work Piece Secured Against The Miter Gauge For Cross Cut

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## Sliding Compound Miter Saw



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Work Piece Secured Vertically Against The Fence (7" Max Height, 7-1/2" Max Depth At 45°)



Work Piece Secured Horizontally Against The Table (2" Max Height At 45°, 10" Max Depth)

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# Jointer





Work Piece Secured Vertically Against The Fence (7" Max Thickness At 45°)