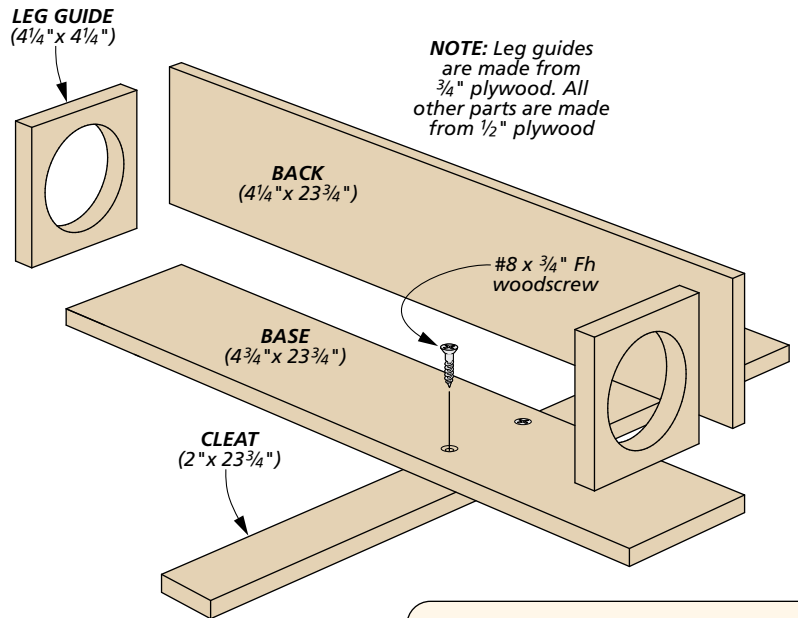


Decorative Leg Routing Jig



The jig you see to the right is used to make the decorative pattern in the legs of the Monterey cabinet. The bottom of the legs have a segmented pattern cut into them. It's a classic Monterey furniture touch.

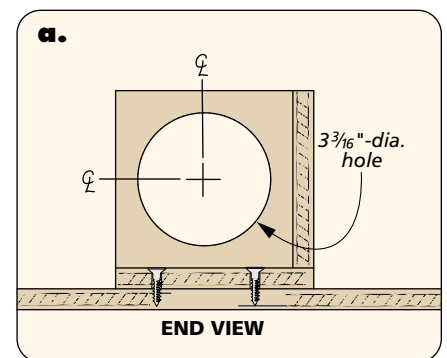
You're going to make the cuts in the corners of the legs with the jig at the router table and a point cutting radius bit. Figure 1 below shows the jig clamped in position on the router table. Also, you see the fence set up to score the bottom edge of the legs. Detail 'a' shows how high to set the bit in relation to the opening in the leg guide.

Now you're ready to slide the leg in the jig and make the first pass, scoring the bottom edge of the leg; Figure 2

shows this in action. As you see in detail 'a,' the bit is just cutting the corners of the leg as you rotate it in the jig.

When you're done scoring all four legs, back out the router table fence two inches and repeat the process. Do this two more times to create a total of three segments in each leg.

To join the cuts in the corners, I gathered up the legs, and a back saw, and moved over to the workbench. With a sharp pencil and my combination square, I drew a line to join the bottom of the V's. Then it's just a matter of making



a shallow cut with the backsaw between the corners (Figure 3). You can clamp a board to the leg to guide the saw if it's more comfortable for you.

