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Band Saw Tensioner Patterns

These are the patterns used for the band saw tensioner. Starting off with a few pieces of ¾" and ½" plywood, print out these patterns and cut them to shape. Create a template of the original knob and use it along with a pattern bit in your router to make a cutout for the original knob in the middle layer of the body. On the top layer, cut a dado for the handle. Use the drill press to bore the hole in the base for the tensioning shaft before cutting it in half. Next, make the handle and round off the edges. The cutouts allowed me to screw together the new tensioner right over the original.



