

# GETTING STARTED - ASSEMBLY TIPS

## Assembly Tips

After all the individual pieces are completed (cut, drilled, created tenons), the next step is assembly of the design. Please follow the steps below to minimize problems during assembly.

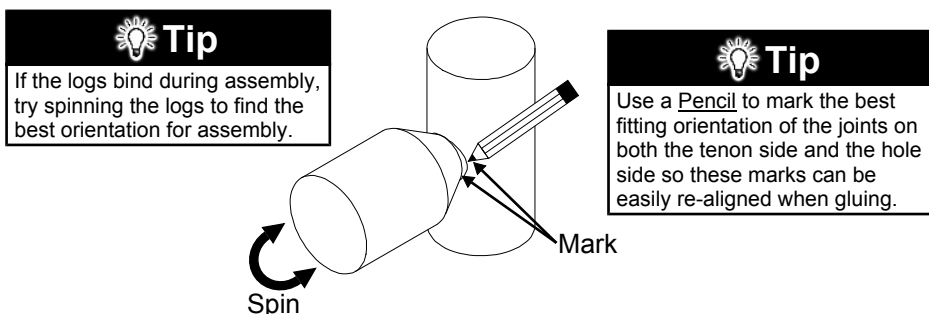
### 1. Sand Components (optional)

Use Sandpaper or an Orbital Sander to remove splinters and to smooth surfaces of the wood.

**IMPORTANT:** DO NOT sand the tenons! Sanding the tenons will loosen the fit between the tenon and hole, which can cause the joint to be weak/unstable.

### 2. Test-Fit Components (IMPORTANT!)

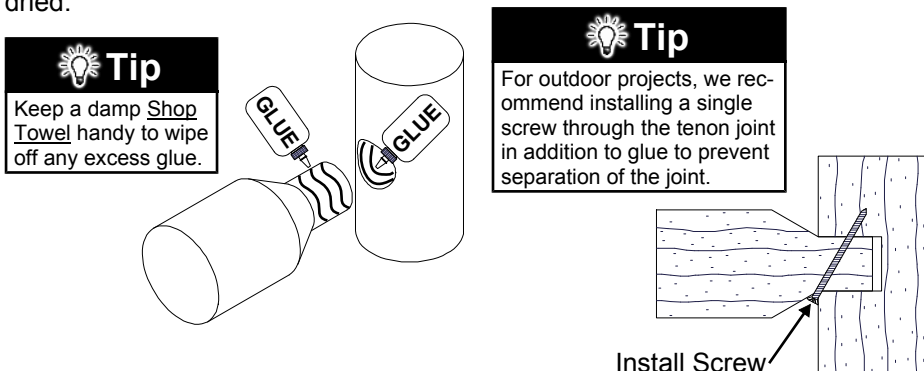
Assemble the design **without** glue to verify all joints fit properly.



### 3. Assemble Components

Apply Wood Glue to both the tenon and the hole. Assemble each joint as outlined in the design.

**IMPORTANT:** Adjust joints as-needed to achieve a level, square assembly **before** the glue dries. The joints will be impossible to adjust after the glue has dried.



### 4. Apply Finish (optional)

Apply the finish of your choice to the assembly per the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and to apply finish in a well ventilated area.