# LUMBERJACK TOOLS

# **HEADBOARD & FOOTBOARD**



1. DRILL



**2. CUT** 



3. ASSEMBLE



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#### WARNINGS AND SAFETY

Before beginning any project, carefully read and follow ALL safety and operational instructions for all tools or devices you will be using. Failure to do so may cause serious injury to yourself or those around you. If you feel uncomfortable using our tenon cutters or any other tool, STOP immediately. Lumberjack Tools assumes no responsibility for injury caused to the operator, bystander, or equipment caused by the use or misuse of our tools.



NEVER OPERATE POWER TOOLS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR ANY MEDICATIONS. FAILURE TO AVOID THESE RISKS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



ALWAYS WEAR APPROPRIATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SAFETY GLASSES, DUST MASK, AND HEARING PROTECTION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



DO NOT WEAR JEWELRY OR LOOSE CLOTHING WHILE WORKING. SECURE LONG HAIR AWAY FROM WORK AREA. LOOSE CLOTHING AND HAIR CAN BE CAUGHT IN MOVING PARTS AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



DISCONNECT POWER FROM THE DRILL AND ALLOW DRILL TO COMPLETELY STOP BEFORE INSTALLING/REMOVING TOOLS. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



ALWAYS SECURE WORK-PIECE (LOG OR BOARD) IN A VISE OR CLAMP BEFORE DRILLING/CUTTING. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



BLADES ARE VERY SHARP! USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN HANDLING THE BLADES. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



DO NOT USE DULL TOOLS/BLADES. REPLACE OR SHARPEN THE TOOLS/BLADES IF THEY BECOME DULL. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



TENON CUTTER MUST BE DRIVEN BY A 1/2" HAND DRILL. NEVER USE TENON CUTTER IN A DRILL PRESS, LATHE, MILL, OR ANY OTHER DEVICE AS THIS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DAMAGE.



PARTS, ASSEMBLIES, AND TOOLS/EQUIPMENT MAY BE VERY HEAVY. USE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT TO LIFT AND MOVE HEAVY COMPONENTS. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.



NEVER ALLOW PERSONS UNDER ANY PART OF THE DESIGNS. DESIGN MAY COLLAPSE, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

### **GETTING STARTED - SUPPLIES/SYMBOLS**

#### **Getting Started**

The plans included in this guide are a simple way to get started making rustic furniture. These plans assume you have some previous woodworking experience along with the basic shop tools. The unique thing about making your own rustic furniture, is that you can add your own touch of character and customize it to any size or shape you like. Keep in mind that rustic furniture is not meant to be perfect in shape and form. This unique variation gives each project a feel and character of its own.

### Required Supplies

#### Tools

- ؽ", Single-Speed Drill
- Cordless Drill
- Tenon Cutter(s)
- Forstner Bit(s) or Spade Bit
- Chop Saw or Hand Saw
- Vise or other clamp
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Sand Paper
- Shop Towels
- Orbital Sander\*
- Draw Knife\*



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# **Building Materials**

- Peeled Logs
- Flat Boards\*
- Wood Glue
- Finish of choice\* (oil, varnish, or lacquer)

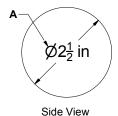
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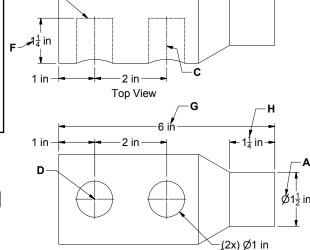
- Safety Glasses
- Gloves
- Dust Mask
- Hearing Protection
- Closed-toed Shoes

# **Drawing Symbols**

Note: All dimensions in this booklet are in inches

- A. Diameter Symbol
- Hidden Line (shows features В hidden behind solid material)
- Center Line (center of feature) C.
- Center Mark (center of hole) D.
- Quantity Note (how many of F feature)
- F. Depth (of hole)
- Dimension (in inches) G.
- Η. Tenon Length





Front View

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<sup>\*</sup>These items are optional

# **GETTING STARTED - TENON CUTTING**

### **Log Prep**

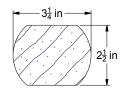
#### 1. Acquire Logs

Logs can be acquired from a variety of sources, including: local land owners, tree service companies, home improvement/hardware stores, DNR or Forestry Department, and K&A Log Furniture.

**Note:** Some designs call for a <u>landscape timber</u>. The correct size is shown to the right.

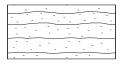
# Tip

While no logs are perfectly straight, we recommend finding logs that are as straight-as-possible to make fit-up and assembly easier.



#### 2. Cut Logs/Wood to Length

Use a saw to cut the logs to the lengths shown in the desired design. Take care to cut the end of the logs square/perpendicular to the log body.



CORRECT

Ends of log square



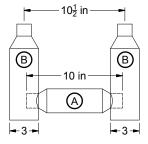
Ends of log not square

**Note:** The log lengths in this manual are sized for **one diameter** of log. If you choose a different diameter log than the one listed in the <u>Parts List</u>, you must account for the change by: cutting cross-member logs (logs with tenons on **both ends**) shorter, or longer (see three examples below).

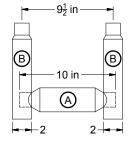
Parts List			
Item	Qty	Part Name	Size
Α	1	Log-A	Ø2-1/2" X 10" Long
В	2	Log-B	Ø3" X 10" Long

# 🍀 Tip

It is easier to trim a log shorter than to add to a log. When in doubt, cut cross-member logs (logs with tenons on **both ends**) a little longer than the plan calls for (+1 inch). You can trim the excess off later after dry fit-up.

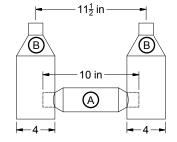


**Ø3" Log-B** Spacing is correct at 10-½"



**Ø2" Log-B** Spacing is incorrect at 9-½"

Remedy: Log-A must be re-cut at 11" long



Ø4" Log-B

Spacing is incorrect at 11-1/2"

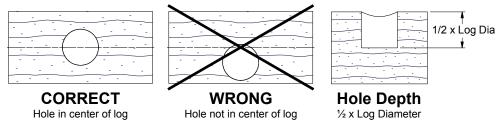
Remedy: Log-A must be shortened to 9" long

# **GETTING STARTED - TENON CUTTING**

### Log Prep (cont.)

#### 3. Drill Holes (mortise)

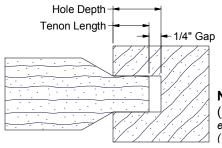
Drill holes in the locations shown for the desired design. Always drill the holes in the <u>center</u> of log unless otherwise stated.



**Note:** Hole depth should be about  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Log Diameter}$ . e.g. Hole depth for a Ø3" diameter log should be  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Ø3"} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}$ " hole depth

#### 4. Cut Tenons

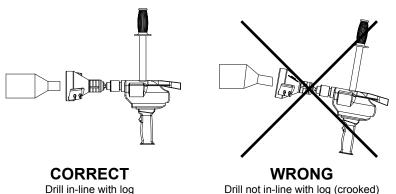
Use a ½", Single-speed Drill and a Tenon Cutter to cut tenons in the locations shown for the desired design.





**Note:** Tenon length should be  $(\underline{\text{Hole Depth}}) - \frac{1}{4}$ ". e.g. Tenon length for a 1-½" deep hole should be  $(1-\frac{1}{2})$ " -  $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " tenon length

**IMPORTANT:** Cutting a straight tenon is critical to reduce assembly problems.



### **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.

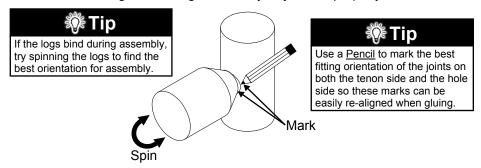
#### 1. Sand Components (optional)

Use <u>Sandpaper</u> or an <u>Orbital Sander</u> 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!)

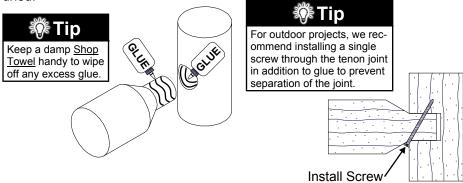
Assemble the design without glue to verify all joints fit properly.



### 3. Assemble Components

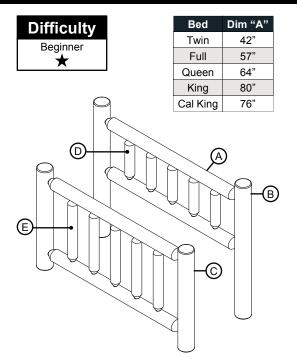
Apply <u>Wood Glue</u> to both the tenon and the hole. Assemble each joint as outlined in the design.

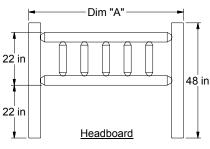
**IMPORTANT:** Adjust joints as-needed to achieve a level, square assembly **before** the glue dries. The joints will be impossible to adjust after the glue has dried.

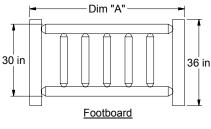


### 4. Apply Finish (optional)

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

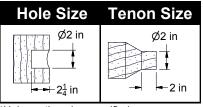






I	Parts List					
	ltem	Qty	Part Name	Size		
	Α	4	Log-A	See table below		
	В	2	Log-B	Ø5" X 48" Long		
	С	2	Log-C	Ø5" X 36" Long		
	D	See Table	Log-D	Ø3" X 18" Long		
	Е	See Table	Log-E	Ø3" X 26" Long		

Bed	Log-A	Log-D/Log-E Qty
Twin	Ø4" X 36"	4
Full	Ø4" X 51"	4
Queen	Ø4" X 58"	5
King	Ø4" X 74"	6
Cal King	Ø4" X 70"	6



\*Unless otherwise specified

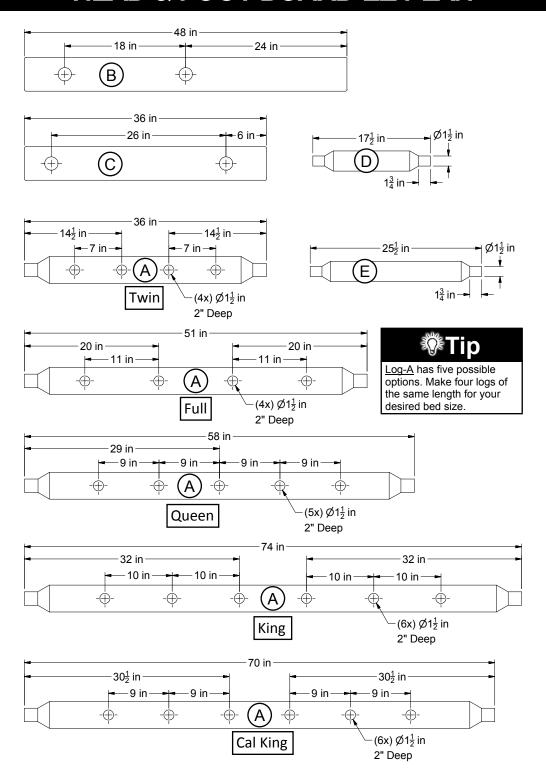
### Special Tools Required

- Ø2" Tenon Cutter
- Ø2" Forstner Bit
- Ø1-½" Tenon Cutter
- Ø1-1/2" Forstner Bit

# **Assembly Instructions**

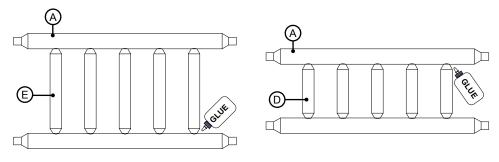
#### Step 1

- A. Gather all required tools and wood listed above
- B. Use a ½" Single Speed Drill with Ø2" and Ø1-½" Forstner Bits to drill all holes in locations shown (see next page)
- C. Use a ½" Single Speed Drill with Ø2" and Ø1-½" Tenon Cutters to cut all tenons in locations shown (see next page)



### Step 2

- A. Apply glue to the tenons and to the mating holes shown below.
- B. Use Log-A and Log-E to assemble the FootBoard Railing.
- C. Use Log-A and Log-D to assemble the HeadBoard Railing.

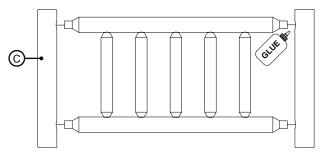


FootBoard Railing

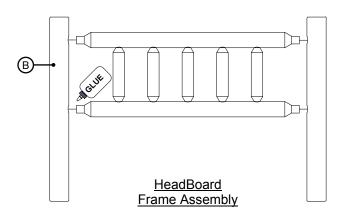
HeadBoard Railing

#### Step 3

- A. Apply glue to the tenons and to the mating holes shown below.
- B. Assemble two Log-C to the Footboard Railing from step 2.
- C. Assemble two <u>Log-B</u> to the <u>Headboard Railing</u> from step 2.

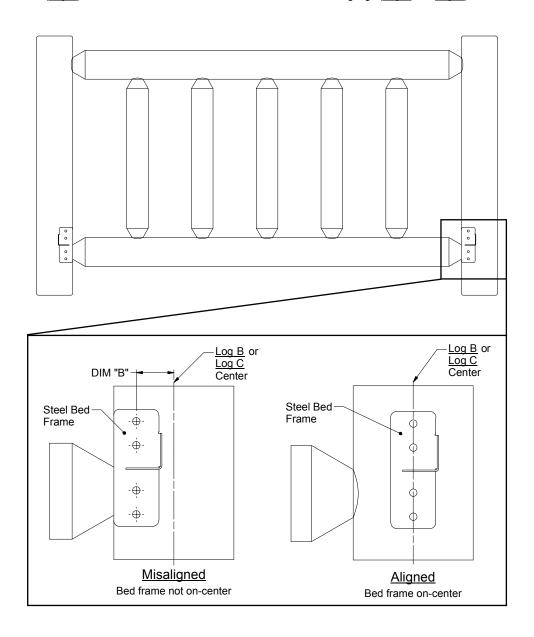


FootBoard Frame Assembly



#### Step 4

A. For the steel bed-frame to attach, the width (Dim "A") may need to be shortened based on the diameter of the leg logs (<u>Log-B</u> and <u>Log-C</u>). To do this, dry-assemble the headboard and footboard, then test-fit the steel bed-frame with the headboard and footboard. Cut cross-logs (<u>Log-A</u>) shorter to allow steel bed-frame to attach on center of leg logs (<u>Log-B</u> and <u>Log-C</u>).



# **TROUBLESHOOTING**

Problem	Cause	Solution
	-Logs are too crooked	-Use straighter logs
	-Tenon crooked	-Cut tenon straight on the logs
-Furniture does not fit	-Tenon too large	-Adjust the tenon cutter blades to cut the tenon smaller
together	-Log not oriented correctly	-Try twisting the various logs to find the natural "resting" orientation of each log
	-Design assembled incorrectly	-Double-check pieces and assembly with the design in the manual. Fix any inconsistencies.
-Furniture does not sit	-Logs are too crooked	-Use straighter logs
flat (wobbly)	-Legs are uneven -Floor is uneven	-Cut or sand bottom of legs to make even -Use shims under legs to make even
	-Glue is inadequate	-Use a high-quality wood glue to assemble
-Furniture does not	-Glue is not dry	-Allow glue to dry completely before using
stay together	-Wood swell	-Use a <u>wood screw</u> to hold the tenon to the mortise for any furniture used outside, or in a high-humidity environment
-Logs too short/too	-Tenon cut too long/short	-Cut the tenon to correct length, or cut some material off the end of the tenon
long	_	-Adjust the length of logs if different diameter logs are used
	-Frame not square	-Adjust frame to create a square base
-Top does not sit flat	-Top mounting logs not flat	-Use a <u>table saw</u> to cut a flat surface on the mounting logs for the top -Use <u>landscape timbers</u> for the mounting logs
	-Pilot hole not drilled	-Drill a pilot hole for the screws
-Wood splitting when	-Pilot hole too small	-Drill a larger pilot hole
installing screws	-Screws too close to edge	-Move screw holes further from edge of wood
-Tenon cutter "skips"	-Log is too large	-Taper down end of log with a <u>draw knife</u>
or bounces on end of log	-Not enough pressure applied to cutter	-Lean into drill with body weight <b>before</b> turning on drill
-Tenon cutter not	-Blades are not adjusted properly	-Position blades per the tenon cutter manual (about 1/4" from the front of the blade pocket)
cutting log	-Blades are dull	-Sharpen or replace blades
-Drill stops while cutting	-Incorrect drill used (variable speed)	-Use a high-torque, <u>single speed</u> drill to turn the tenon cutter at 450 rpm or less

<sup>\*</sup>Log furniture is not perfectly square and symmetric like store-bought furniture. This inherent variation is typical of all log furniture and gives each product a unique character.