Dining Table Drawer Option

Adding a couple of drawers to the oak dining table will make good use of some extra space. You’ll have a convenient place to store placemats, linen or even serving utensils.

The process is just like that described for the pine kitchen table on pages 38 and 39 of issue No. 43. (You’ll want to read over these pages before you start.) Only the dimensions of some of the pieces are different and on this table you’re adding a drawer at both ends. (You can also add a drawer to just one end of the table.)

**Drawer Openings.** You’ll begin by modifying the two apron ends to create drawer openings. I started with two slightly oversized apron blanks. Then I cut an apron top, two end pieces and a drawer front from each piece. Reassembling the apron top and two ends will create the opening and the grain of the apron and drawer will appear seamless.

**Guide Rail Assemblies.** Once the table base is assembled, the pieces for the guide rail assemblies can be cut to size, joined and added to the base as shown in the drawing below.

**Build The Drawers.** The final step is to build the two drawers. These are identical in size and construction to the drawer in Fig. 8 on page 39. When the drawers are completed, install the two stops (Fig. 1b).