

Hints'n'Tips

Some of the hints and tips sent in by other people.

When cutting very small pieces, I glued the small part I was cutting to a piece of cardboard.

That allowed me to cut it safely and seemed to support it so it did not break. Instead of gluing the wood to the paper use this method instead.

Put some masking tape on the wood then glue the paper with the part you want to cut out onto the masking tape. Put a clear layer of tape over the top, it will make the cutting blade move easier. This way you can remove the pattern easy and there is no glue residue to clean up.

Supplied by Kevin

If you want to make the Knight's Tomb with double shields, just enlarge the second set of shields by 108%, and take care when placing them.

Supplied by Ron Locke

I just finished Cubey and I would like to pass on a little tip I learned.

The pieces that are in the middle layer of the sliders should be slightly thicker (not more than 1/64") in order for the slides to work smoothly. I made this little box twice... the first time the little slides were the same thickness as the rest of the box but there was quite a bit of sticking in the movements.

Supplied by Keith

Following on from Keith's tip:

To make the spacers a little thicker, glue a little piece of paper or thin card between that and the next panel..

But make sure the glue is really set before trying to move that panel, other wise the paper/card might tear.

Supplied by George

Have a tip for you guys. put masking tape on the under side of where you want to cut then the timber will not tear as much. PS. if using band saw do both sides saves a little time and the edges.

Supplied by Ries
