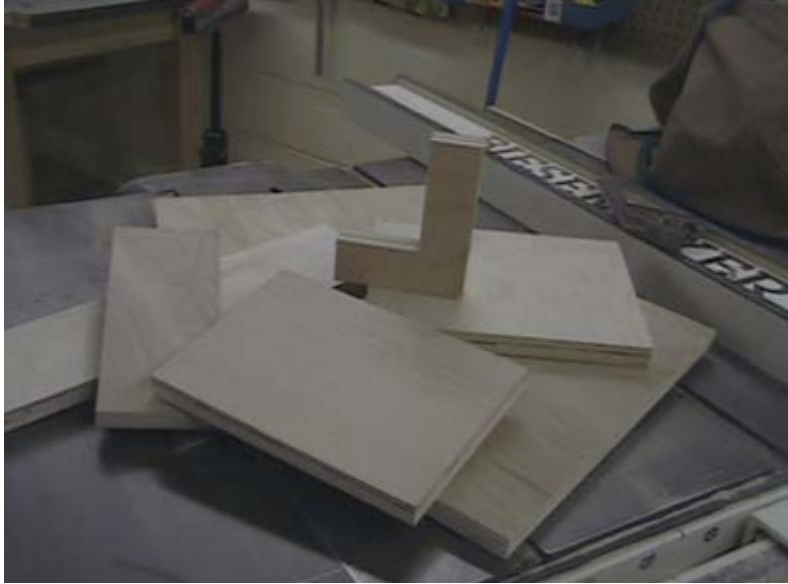


I don't know about you, but I can't throw away scraps if my life depended on it. Occasionally these scraps do come in handy though, especially when making a few jigs. One jig in particular is this little clamping aid. Sure you can find angle brackets in plenty of catalogs, but why not make your own?



The sizes vary of course, depending on the size of the scraps at hand. This particular scrap will yield two L's rather easily. Both are about 3 1/2" x 4 1/2", and the beauty of using my scraps is that I can make them any size I need, when I need them.



The first step is to make sure that the scrap is square on at least two edges, that way all your cuts from that point on are parallel.



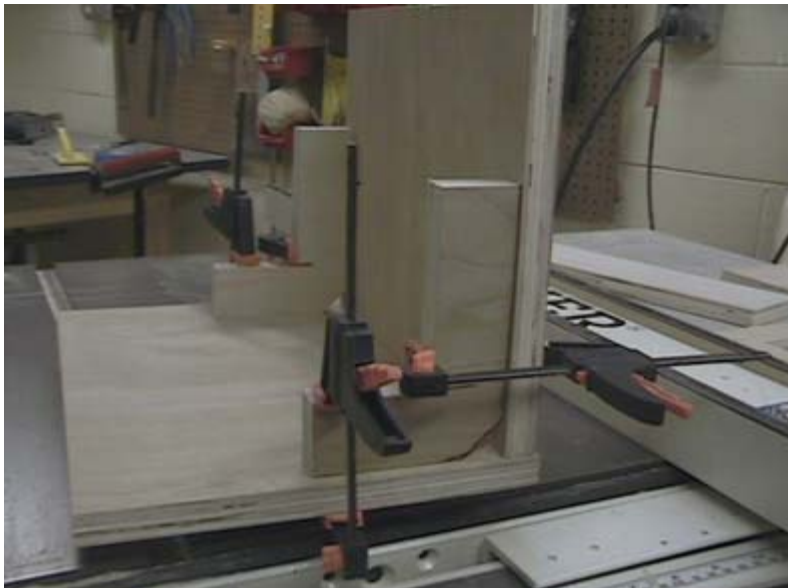
I raised the blade as high as possible and then cut until the blade hit the first line. Because the width of the arms is only 1 1/2" it's important to pay attention to the blade position as you approach the cross arm. **DON'T CUT YOURSELF!!!**



Next, cut the next arm in the same manner, it helps if you draw the reference lines on both sides of every jig, that way when you flip it over the lines are the same.



Here are the finished jigs in action. To help keep the L's from getting glued into place during the glue up, I took them over to the miter saw and cut the heel off.



If it turns out that these L's are out of square or become damaged or just aren't the right size it's just a matter of going back to the scrap pile.