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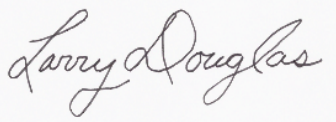
Dear Customer,

Many people have asked me what the motivating factors were behind conceptualizing the ChestMate Dovetailing Jig. Actually, there were many, but the most significant follow.

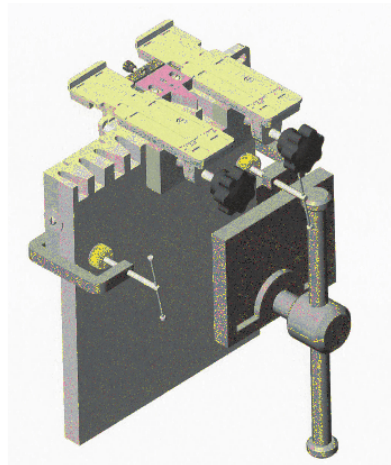
"Ease of use" was the primary motivating factor. Having invested heavily in a 24 inch dovetailing bench fixture, there were many steps I found too demanding to remember for something I wasn't going to use everyday. I felt it would be easier to clamp a large piece of project stock to a work bench rather than fumbling with it while accurately inserting and clamping it into a fixture. Once secured, I knew all I would have to do is clamp a jig onto the edge of the board, set my router on it and machine away. Slightly more challenging was making sure I had a way of accurately relocating the jig to the next pin or tail location and clamping it in place. A board pre-marked and used for spacing shingles came to mind. I would use saw grooves, not marks though. The rest was a lot of design, prototypes, filing for a patent and to convince my friend Bob Cumings to bring it to market. Simple as that.

The ChestMate, along with an indexing board that anyone can easily make, will allow you to cut any pattern of pins and tails across any width board. We hope you enjoy it and recognize the simplicity and robustness of the product. We feel that once it is used, the directions can be put away forever.

Sincerely,



Larry Douglas
ChestMate Originator



*CAD model of the ChestMate shown
set up to cut pins.*

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