# FIXIT WRIGHT

DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT THIS BAND-SAW. CUTTING RIBS WOULD BE A REAL HARD JOB.

THAT'S ONE WAY OF DOING IT, BUT I PREFER TO CUT THEM BY HAND. YOU GET A SMOOTHER CUT AND CAN WORK THE FITS OUT BETTER.

THAT'S TOO MUCH WORK, FIXIT. YOU HAVE TO MARK OUT EACH RIB AND THEN CUT THEM OUT. BESIDES, EACH ONE TURNS OUT DIFFERENT AND YOU HAVE TO STACK AND SAND THEM.

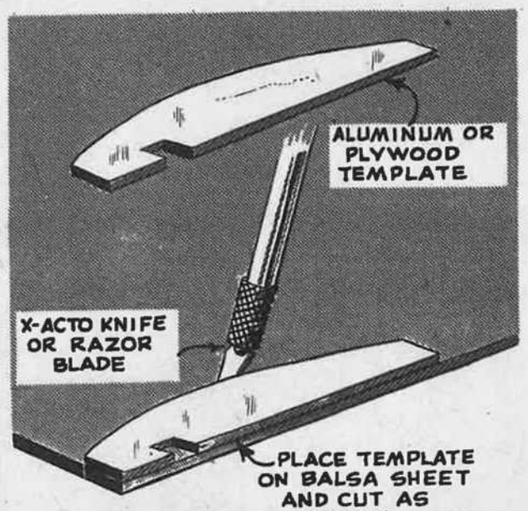
THAT *IS* DOING IT THE HARD WAY.

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WHAT OTHER WAY IS THERE, MAESTRO? DIE CUTTING? RUBBER STAMPING?

I CUT A TEMPLATE OUT OF ALUMINUM SHEET AND USE IT AS A GUIDE TO CUT OUT THE RIBS. OF COURSE, YOU CAN USE PLYWOOD OR CARDBOARD IF YOU HAVE ONLY A FEW RIBS TO MAKE.

HOW'S THIS?






WHAT MAKES THIS SYSTEM SO ACCURATE?

A METAL TEMPLATE LIKE THIS ONE GUIDES THE BLADE PRECISELY. ALL YOU NEED DO IS MAKE SURE THAT YOU HOLD THE BLADE STRAIGHT.

THE BEST PART OF THIS IS THAT ONCE YOU HAVE A TEMPLATE MADE YOU CAN FILE IT AWAY FOR FUTURE USE.

YEAH, AND YOU'LL HAVE A CRATE FULL OF TEMPLATES IN A YEAR'S TIME

IF YOU USE THAT MANY DIFFERENT RIB TYPES, I'D GUESS YOU WOULD. I STICK TO FIVE OR SIX STANDARDS.

YOU MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING. I'D HAVE TO TRY IT.

WHY NOT TRY IT RIGHT NOW? ALL YOU NEED IS A BLADE AND A PIECE OF SHEET.

OKAY. WE'LL SEE HOW EASY IT IS.

SAY, THIS IS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT. THE BLADE GOES AROUND THE TEMPLATE IN ONE CUT.

TRY CUTTING A FEW MORE RIBS.

SAY, THIS BATCH OF HANDCUT RIBS MATCHES PERFECTLY. WHY YOU WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TO SAND THEM.

AND ALL OF THIS WITHOUT FANCY POWER TOOLS, TOO. YOU OUGHT TO TRY THIS WAY OFTENER.

THE END.