

## Building a Dining Table

Rather than make this an article on how to build a table, this is going to be a series of reports on the progress of two people building a small dining room table. First of all, some background information. The two individuals in these articles work with me off and on as apprentices (as they like to be called) and one of them obtained some old cypress with a long family history behind it. It is that cypress being used to construct this table. Although the information herein should be helpful to anyone desiring to make a table, the intent is more so to create a series of episodes and perhaps spark interest, questions and discussion pertaining to the processes involved. We hope you enjoy this and find it helpful.

Libba, Shana and Terry



The wood for the top was picked out first and then edge glued together at about 4" longer and 1/2" wider than needed. Here the top has been taken out of the clamps and one end is being trimmed off. This is done using the crosscut sled on the table saw. You might remember it being shown to everyone at our 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting. (Kerry had copies of the magazine article describing its construction at our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)



Now Shana measures from the trimmed end, and marks and cuts the table top to the finished length. Next both edges will be ripped off bringing the top to about 1/8" full of its final width.



Now to bring the table top to the final width of 36", Libba uses a jointer. Notice the wood sole of the plane. It's an old Stanley No. 33. It brings the edge to a glass smooth finish in very short order and no sanding scratches from a belt sander.



With the top temporarily out of the way, the remaining wood was sorted out for the table legs and aprons. Here the wood that will be laminated to form the legs is run through the planer. The leg blanks will eventually finish out at 3" square x 29 1/8" long.



One edge of each board is jointed so it can be ripped to width. Four pieces will be laminated together for each leg.



The wood having been ripped to width is now cut off to rough length before being laminated. That's all for today. Be sure to tune in at a later date to learn more about the continuing saga of "Shana's Table"

Have fun working wood!  
Terry