

## One Way To Make Stringing or There Must Be a Better Way

The piece of furniture I'm working on is frame and panel construction. The panels are veneered with mahogany and have 1/8 inch maple stringing (assembled frame and panel in photo). The problem is to get all of the stringing to a consistent thickness of 1/8 inch. There are 6 panels and 6 drawer fronts that all get the same treatment so that's a whole bunch of stringing. Here's what I did.

- Step 1: Ripped some strips off a 3/4" thick piece of maple which was a little longer than the longest piece of stringing I would need. Now this gets a little tricky but I used a featherboard and a push block, which I fashioned solely for this special occasion. I now have several ribs which are about 5/32 thick (I was shooting for just a tad thicker than 1/8") and 3/4" wide.
- Step 2: Now, after readjusting the featherboard (some folks call 'em fingerboards), I ripped all of those pieces to 5/32". I now have a whole bundle of sticks which are 5/32" x 5/32" x about 30" long. Now I need to get them all sized in order for them to fit perrrrrrfectly into a 1/8" wide groove cut with a router. That groove was cut exaaaaaactly where the edges of the mahogany veneer meet. Gluing down the veneer is a whole 'nother story (ask Frank, he was there).
- Step 3: Sit down and try to figure out how to do what I was just talking about doing.
- Step 4: Eureka! While scratching my head and wondering what I've gotten myself into, I notice a spare plane iron sitting in the tool tray at the back of my workbench. Problem solved and the pictures pretty well say the rest.

Enjoy working wood,  
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