With my new workbench put together, the next step was to drill holes for the holdfasts. I used a brace and bit with a depth stop which allowed me to drill from the top side until the point of the bit just peeked through the bottom side. When all 12 holes were done from the top, I then turned the bench over and finished from the underside, thereby preventing any tear out.





Next I made the vise and fitted it to the bench making certain that everything lined up. Once the glue had dried I then trimmed the excess off the top end of the vise jaw.









To make the shelf I used 6 pieces of clear pine cut to the right length and tongue and grooved the edges. They just set in place on ledges screwed to the stretchers. I think that I'll let them remain removable. The shelf gives me a place to store a few things while adding some weight to the workbench. I still need to make a planing stop which will fit into the square hole in the bench top. Also, at some point, I'll probably make a sliding jack for supporting long boards held in the vise.



