

Cutting Inlays

Set Router Depth

What You're Doing: Adjusting depth of cut to be slightly deeper than the thickness of the inlay material.

Why You're Doing It: You need to cut all the way through the inlay material to create the inlay piece that will fit into the void.

How To Do It: Setting the depth of cut is different for each router, so you'll need to follow the instructions provided with your router to set depth.

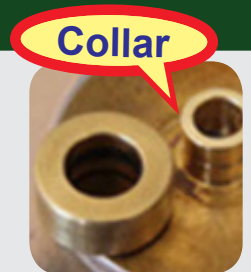


Take Bushing Off

What You're Doing: Taking the bushing off the brass inlay kit.

Why You're Doing It: To position the router bit correctly inside the template to cut an inlay.

How To Do It: Grab and pull the bushing off from the brass inlay kit collar.



Route the Inlay

What You're Doing: Cutting out the inlay pieces... Carefully!!!

Why You're Doing It: To cut out the inlay piece that will fit into the void. Take your time and get this step right.

How To Do It: Prior to routing out the inlay practice making the cut by guiding the router around the shape keeping the collar in constant contact with the template wall. It's best to be familiar with how the shape "feels" while you're guiding the router around the template prior to making the actual cut.

After you're familiar with how the shape routes, position the collar against the wall of the template and turn the router on.

Plunge the bit to its lowest point.

Guide the router, clockwise, around the shape keeping the collar in constant contact with the wall of the template during the routing process.

Prior to removing the template ensure the cut went all the way through the inlay material. If not re-adjust the depth and re-route the shape again.

Using a paint scraper, carefully remove the template from the inlay material. Use a pic to gently pry the inlay off the backing material.

