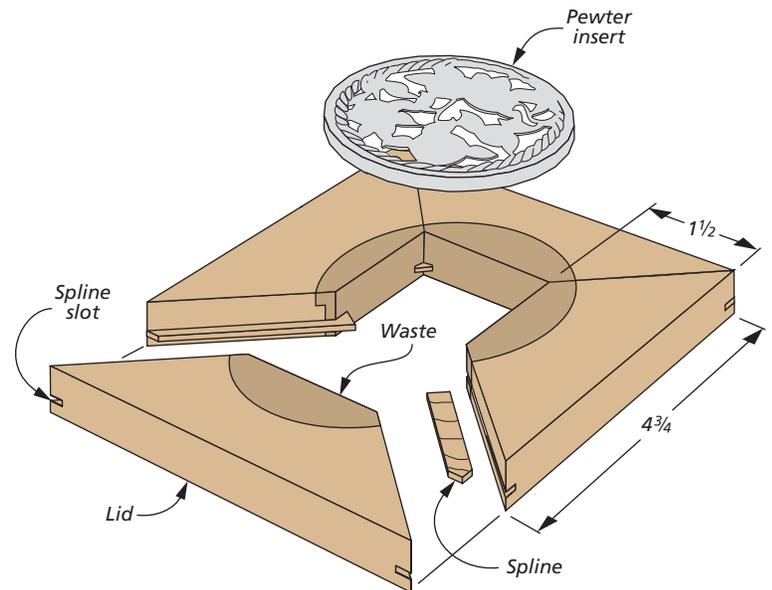
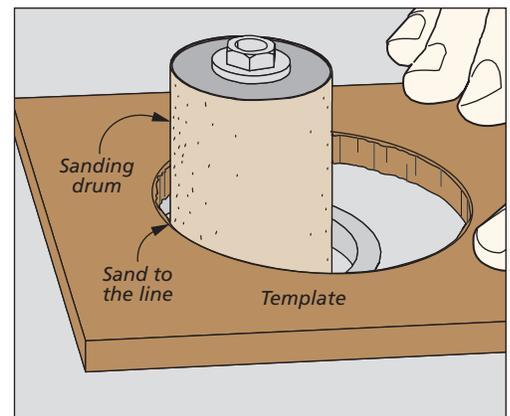
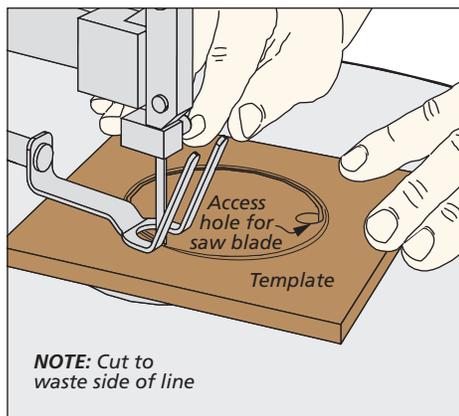


## pewter insert lid for Potpourri Box



An optional lid for the potpourri box can be built with matching wood and a pewter insert. This optional lid is much the same as the woven lid for the box, but you'll cut a hole in the center and add a rabbet to hold the lid insert.

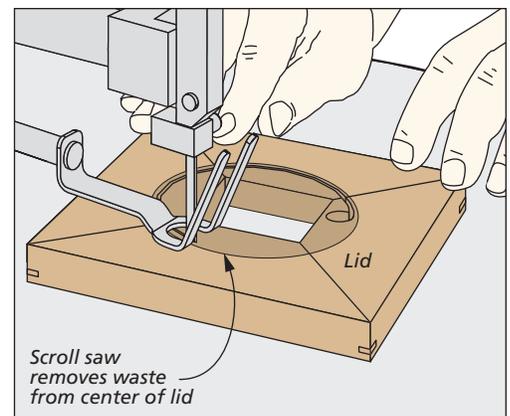
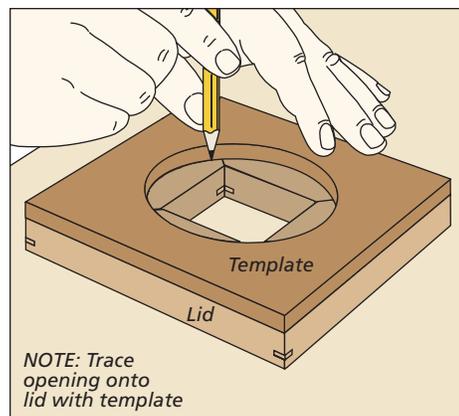
**MITERED LID.** To build the lid, start by making a mitered frame, as shown in the main drawing. After cutting an extra-long blank to width, you can miter the lid pieces to length and add the slots for the splines. I dry-assembled the lid to test the fit, then glued it together.



### PEWTER INSERT

Fitting the pewter insert in the lid is done by measuring the insert first and then creating a rabbeted hole to fit the insert. A template will help you cut a clean, accurate opening for the pewter insert.

**TEMPLATE.** The template is made out of 1/4" hardboard. I cut the hardboard to the same size as the lid. Then I measured the pewter insert and subtracted 1/4" to arrive at the

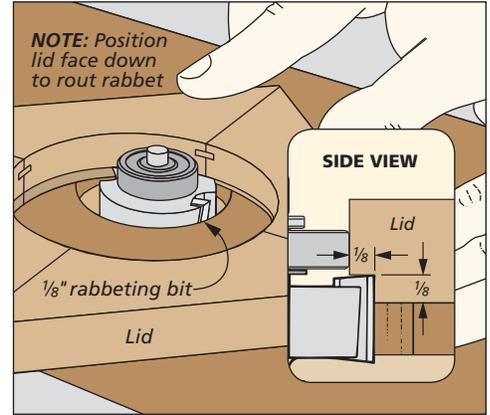
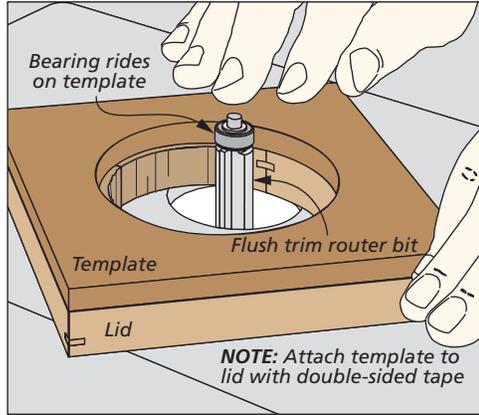


size of the opening. After marking the appropriate size circle in the center of the template, you can drill a starter hole. The waste can be cut out with a scroll saw and the hole sanded smooth with a sanding drum, as shown in the top left drawing on the previous page.

**LID.** To make the opening in the lid, I used the template to mark the center (lower, left drawing, previous page). Then I cut away the waste and cleaned up the opening with a flush trim bit in the router table, as shown in the left drawing.

**RABBET.** Once you have the opening finished, cut the rabbet with an 1/8" rabbeting bit (right drawing). After you've completed the rabbet, all that's left is to glue the insert in place. I used cyanoacrylate glue, as shown in the right photo.

You can read more about the pewter insert in Sources on page 51 of issue No. 188.



{ To attach the pewter insert to the opening in the lid, squeeze a narrow bead of cyanoacrylate glue in the rabbet. The lid and insert will bond instantly.