

ACCESSORY BOX

For a small project, this accessory box is full of interesting features, like curved sides, a figured panel, leather lining, and a unique, ebonized finish.



This unique accessory box combines several interesting design features. On the top of the lid, there's a panel with figured maple veneer. And for contrast, the rest of the box has been built out of walnut that has

been "ebonized" — stained black.

The inside of the box is as attractive as the outside. There's a mirror on the inside of the lid, and it's "framed" with leather. Plus, leather is used to line the bottom of the box,

too. There are even optional dividers for organizing jewelry.

But that's not all. The techniques that go into building this box make for an interesting project. For one thing, this isn't a traditional, square box; there are quite a few curves integrated into the design. Also, the lid pivots open on small pins, not metal folding hinges. And there's even a special procedure for finishing.

But even so, there isn't anything to building this accessory box that makes it especially difficult.

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To build the box, I started with the $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick sides (A), see Fig. 1. After cutting these pieces to size, the first thing I did was to carpet tape them together. This simple step makes a lot of sense for a number of reasons.

First off, when drilling the $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes for the lid's hinge pin, having the sides carpet-taped together ensures that the holes automatically end up per-

