
Subject: Re: Porter Cable 690 and some HUEVOS!

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My preference is for a fixed base so the fact that the Jasper will work with a fixed base is helpful. On my tool quest yesterday I picked up a light weight Black and Decker Workmate. Don't get excited... this is the model 115 and cost \$15 plus tax. I have no shop and don't work with tools regularly. I also don't put workmates together regularly, so I wanted one with maybe fewer parts to practice on. Same goes for routers: an inexpensive one means that if I am not good at it, smaller investment made. There is the old wisdom from the pool hall: you should never buy a pool cue with money other than that which you've already won. I have the wait and see attitude toward tool investment. So a \$15 dollar workmate ought to go well with a \$50 router. The first bit I'll need is a chamfer. My current project I call the Jim Beams. This is because they are the shape of the gift carton a Christmas bottle of booze comes in. The design is by J. Krutke and uses a single Tangband W3-871S. First problem I noticed is that the 3" cutout I have for the driver made with a 3" hole saw rather than a jig leaves little room for the terminals at the rear. The problem might have been alleviated if I had used 1/2 baffle thickness rather than 3/4 but I only had one size stock to use. A chamfer would relieve the backside and is also recommended by Mr. Krutke. I figure I can set up outside of where I live since it's summer with the small workmate.
