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Just as there are many ways to make a picture frame, there are many ways to cut a dado. Dadoing large parts at the table saw is quick and easy with a specialty dado blade stack. But for smaller items, by the time you actually install said stack, you may have already spent more time and effort than it's worth. Luckily, the yellow and green-clad folks at Micro Jig were kind enough to send a Matchfit Dado Stop Pro our way. This table saw accessory sets up in no time, letting you cut repeatable, perfectly sized dados with no blade changes! So while you're busy figuring out which chippers and shims to use, I'll be exploring one of the many things this clever jig can do: make a picture frame.



Micro Jig Matchfit Dado Stop Pro



The included Matchfit Dovetail Clamp attaches the jig to your table saw fence (The clamp also has many other cool uses, some of which we'll cover at another time).

Use the setup gauge – along with your workpiece – to do a super simple adjustment and you're ready to cut perfectly sized dados within seconds. You also get to use the blade that's already on your saw, which is a huge bonus.



Calibration begins with a 4" wide strip of MDF. I've used my Micro Jig GR-RIPPER 3D Pushblocks for years now and have come to swear by them. (Be careful with long, narrow pieces that can twist and become wedged between the fence and blade. They can cause dangerous kickback.)