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Piece: Sideboard

Subject: Fitting the Door Stops and Door Catches

Once the doors have been fitted and hung you are ready to shoot the door stops to fit the finished dimension of the doors and also cut a small concave 'V' on the top of each door to engage the door catch.

Let's start with the door stops. When we initially housed the stops (before the carcass was glued together) we set them in so that we would be able to shoot them to fit the finished door dimension. So presently, if we pop the stops into their respective housings and try and close the doors, the doors will sit proud of the carcass. So if we shoot the door stops down we can gain a fit that we are comfortable with and then have the doors sitting exactly where we want them to and have them touching both the upper and lower door stops simultaneously.

Once again this is a matter of putting the stops in place, closing the doors, seeing where the doors sit, shooting some wood off the stop and trying again. When you have the stops just right you can glue them into place.







When you have set your door stops it is then time to engage the door catches so they pull the doors into the door stops. The catches can disappear all of the way into the carcass so you can screw each door catch into place and then close the doors. The door will just push the catch into its housing. Mark accurately with a pencil where each catch engages on each door and then use your chisels to cut a nice concave 'V' cut into the top of the door where you have marked. Mark this out carefully – this cut should engage the door catch so the doors are then pulled into the door stops. When the doors close you will get a lovely crisp sound of wood and wood as the doors hit the door stops.



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