Product Reviews

Time-Saving Router Bits for Glass Panel Doors

Whenever I make glass panel doors, I hate having to take time to make those skinny little moldings that hold the glass in place. That's why I like Freud's new "recoverable bead" glass panel door sets. Each set contains a matched pair of stile and rail cutters. In addition to forming an interlocking joint with a rabbet for the glass, the profiles these cutters create include decorative beads designed to be cut off, "recovered" and used to hold the glass. Perfect color and grain matches are guaranteed because the beads are cut from and fastened back onto the same pieces.

These cutter sets must be used in a router table equipped with a fence. Three profiles, quarter-round, ogee, and beaded are available. Any doors you make with them will look as good open as they do closed.



After routing the stiles and rails, a single tablesaw cut creates a piece of retaining molding and a rabbet for the glass. Once the bead has been cut off, the stile fits the end-grain profile made by the rail cutter.

Recoverable Bead Glass Door Bit Sets; \$130. #99-280, quarter-round; #99-281, ogee; #99-283, beaded. Freud, Inc. (800) 334-4107

