

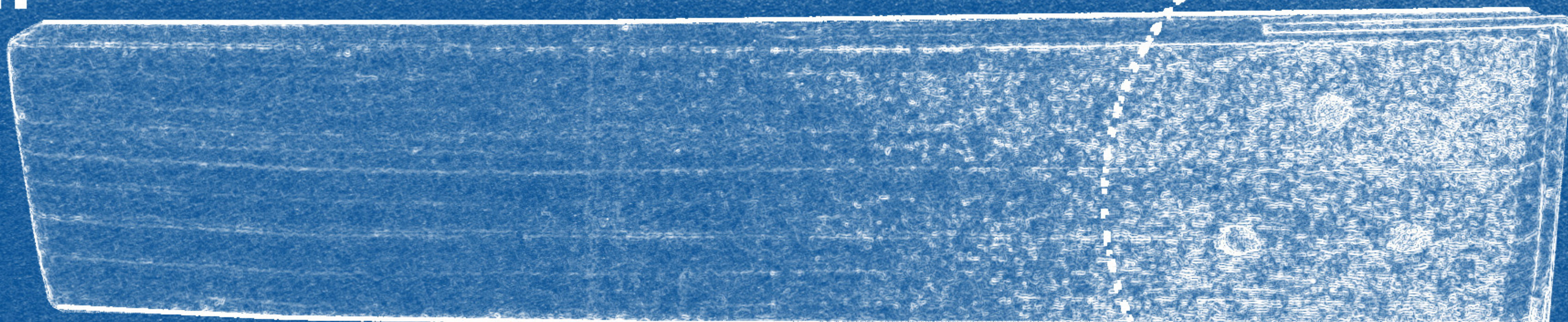
TIP SHEET

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MAKE YOUR OWN SQUARES

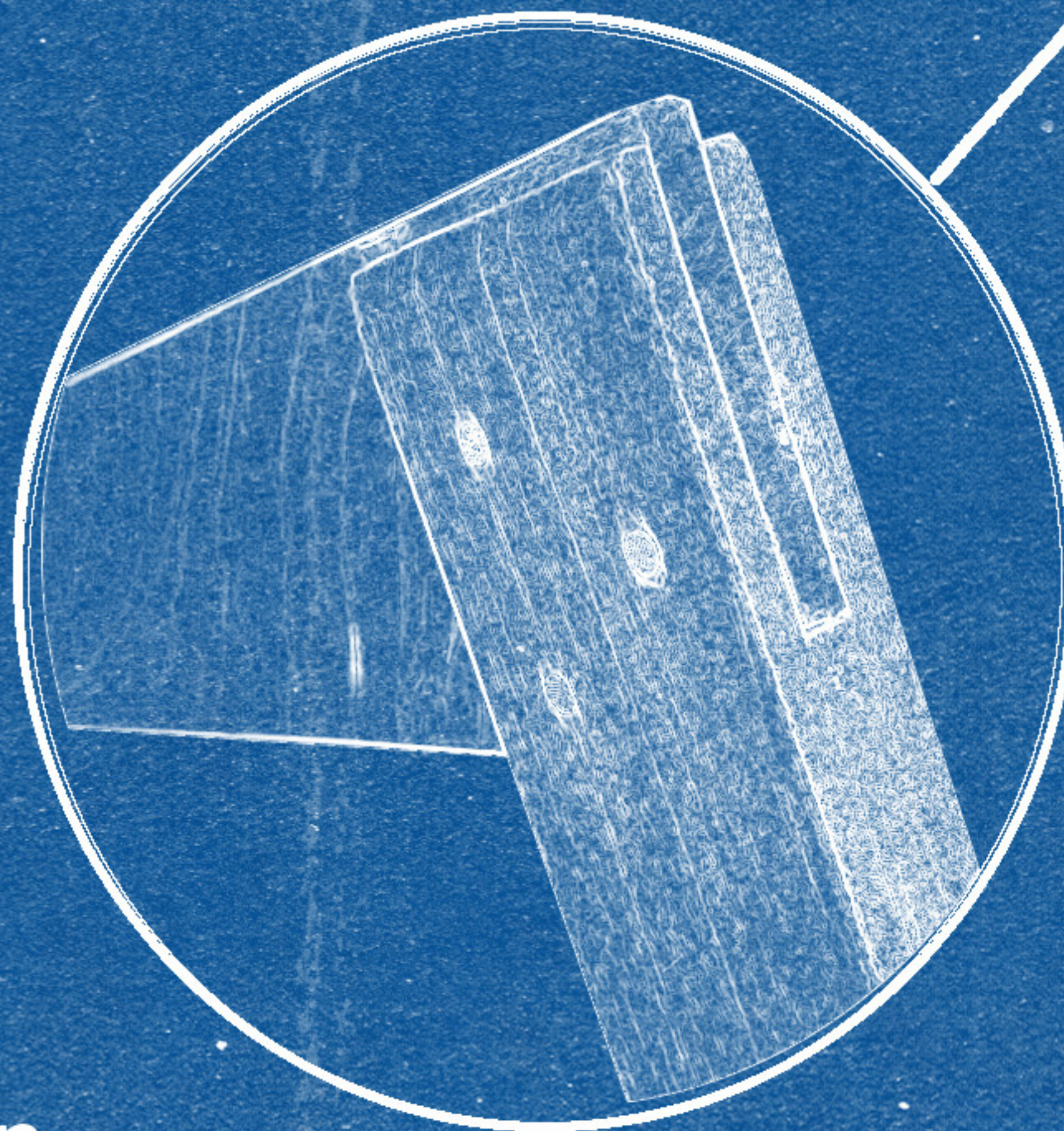
Wood Selection

Any straight-grained hardwood will work. Pick something stable and dry. Mahogany is traditional, but maple, oak and walnut are good choices, too.



The Joint

A bridal joint is a simple, open-topped joint. You can cut it with any fine saw and a narrow chisel. Alternately, you can laminate 4 pieces of wood to mimic the bridal joint. See the plans or the video for more details.



Blade/Rule/Tongue



Checking

You can test your square against any straight, true surface. Draw a line against the rule, flip the square and run the line again. Parallel lines mean a true square.

Stock

Pins of wood or brass keeps the joint stable.



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