

TIP SHEET

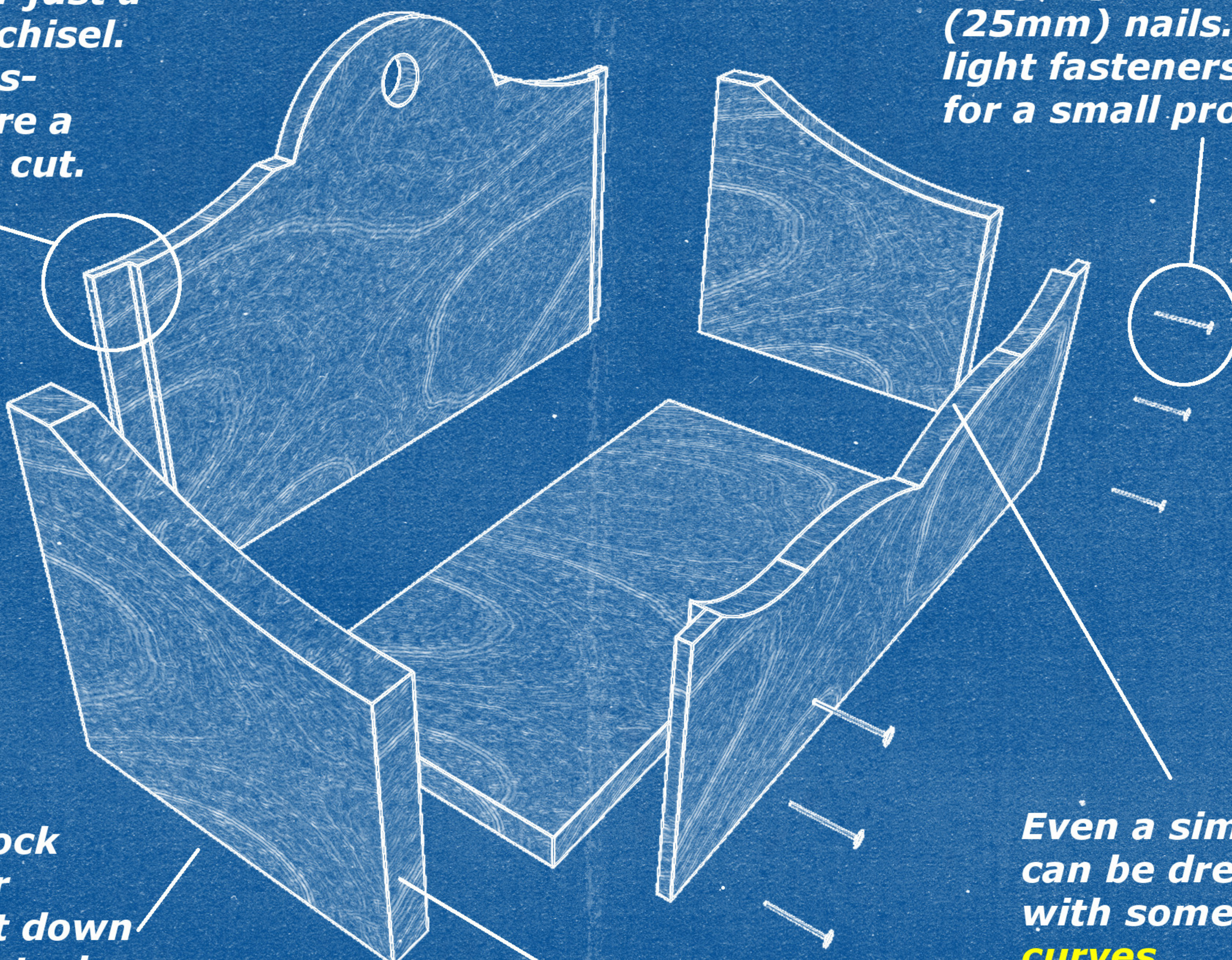
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THE NAILED RABBET

Most box or casework projects depend on difficult joints like the dovetail, or they need glue to hold together, which means waiting for glue to dry. But many historical pieces have only a simple nailed rabbet and this joint can hold together for decades (or longer) with no glue to hold it together. Nailed rabbets are a fast and strong joint and you can make your project quickly.

Rabbet can be cut with a homemade **rabbet plane** or just a back-saw and chisel. These are cross-grain, so they're a little harder to cut.

This project uses plain, 17-gauge, 1-inch (25mm) nails. These light fasteners are great for a small project.



If your side-stock doesn't fit your rabbet, plane it down a little bit. My stock was too wide for my rabbet plane.

Nail through your rabbet and into the **SIDE** grain of your end piece. Not the end grain, which is weak.

Even a simple project can be dressed up with some **hand-cut curves**.

Watch the video here

More details in the **Plans**.



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