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Model: Dovetail Jig 380mm

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the EBERTH Dovetail Jig. This precision tool is designed to assist in creating strong and aesthetically pleasing dovetail joints in woodworking projects. It is compatible with standard 1/2 inch and 1/4 inch router bits, making it a versatile addition to any workshop. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, setup, operation, and maintenance of your dovetail jig.

2. Safety Instructions

Always observe basic safety precautions when using this tool to reduce the risk of injury. Read and understand all instructions before operation.

- **Eye Protection:** Always wear approved safety glasses or goggles to protect against flying debris.
- **Hearing Protection:** Use hearing protection, especially when operating a router.
- **Workpiece Security:** Ensure the workpiece is securely clamped in the jig before routing. Loose workpieces can cause kickback or injury.
- **Router Safety:** Refer to your router's instruction manual for specific safety guidelines related to its operation. Ensure the router is unplugged before making any adjustments or changing bits.
- **Keep Hands Clear:** Never place hands near the router bit during operation.
- **Stable Mounting:** Mount the dovetail jig securely to a stable workbench to prevent movement during use.
- **Proper Ventilation:** Work in a well-ventilated area to avoid inhaling wood dust.
- **Disconnect Power:** Always disconnect the router from the power supply before performing any maintenance, adjustments, or when not in use.

3. Product Overview and Components

The EBERTH Dovetail Jig is constructed for durability and precision, featuring a robust metal frame and a stainless steel template. Key components include:

- **Dovetail Template:** A pre-assembled stainless steel template for guiding the router bit to create precise dovetail pins and tails.
- **Quick Clamps:** Integrated quick-release clamps for fast and secure fastening of workpieces.
- **Workpiece Supports:** Adjustable supports to hold the wood securely.
- **Mounting Points:** Pre-drilled holes for securing the jig to a workbench.

Figure 1: Overall view of the EBERTH Dovetail Jig. This image shows the complete assembly of the jig, including the main body, the dovetail template, and the clamping mechanisms.

Figure 2: Top view of the dovetail jig, highlighting the stainless steel template with 1/2" markings. This perspective clearly displays the precision-cut slots for guiding the router bit.

Figure 3: Close-up view of the 1/2 inch dovetail template. This image emphasizes the detailed construction of the template, crucial for accurate joint cutting.

Figure 4: Detail of one of the quick clamp handles. This shows the ergonomic design for easy and rapid securing of the workpiece.

Figure 5: Close-up of an adjustment knob on the jig. These knobs allow for fine-tuning of the clamping pressure and workpiece positioning.

4. Specifications

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Joints are too loose	Incorrect router bit depth; worn router bit; workpiece not clamped securely.	Adjust router bit depth; replace worn bit; re-clamp workpiece firmly.
Joints are too tight	Router bit depth too shallow; incorrect guide bushing.	Increase router bit depth slightly; ensure correct guide bushing is used.
Rough or chipped cuts	Dull router bit; feeding router too fast; incorrect router speed.	Replace or sharpen router bit; reduce feed rate; adjust router speed for material.

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Workpiece moves during routing	Insufficient clamping pressure; jig not securely mounted.	Tighten quick clamps; ensure jig is firmly bolted to workbench.

5. Setup

Proper setup is crucial for accurate and safe operation.

1. **Mounting the Jig:** Securely fasten the dovetail jig to a sturdy workbench using appropriate screws or bolts through the designated mounting points. Ensure it is stable and does not wobble.
2. **Prepare Workpieces:** Cut your wood pieces to the desired dimensions. Ensure edges are square and free of defects. The maximum wood thickness is 32mm.
3. **Insert Workpieces:**
    - For the tail board, position it vertically against the rear fence.
    - For the pin board, position it horizontally on the top surface, flush with the template.
4. **Clamp Workpieces:** Use the quick clamps to firmly secure both workpieces in place. Ensure they are tight enough to prevent movement during routing but not so tight as to damage the wood.
5. **Router Bit Selection:** Select the appropriate dovetail router bit (1/2 inch or 1/4 inch) for your desired joint size. Install it securely in your router according to the router's instructions.
6. **Set Router Depth:** Adjust the router bit depth so that it will cut through the thickness of the workpiece plus a small amount for clearance, ensuring a full cut. Test on scrap material first.

Figure 6: Side view of the dovetail jig, illustrating the base and potential mounting points for securing it to a workbench. This ensures stability during operation.

6. Operating Instructions

Follow these steps for cutting precise dovetail joints:

1. **Verify Setup:** Double-check that both workpieces are securely clamped and the router bit depth is correctly set.
2. **Router Preparation:** Ensure your router is equipped with the correct guide bushing that matches the dovetail template.
3. **Start Routing:** Turn on the router. Carefully guide the router, with its guide bushing, along the slots of the

dovetail template. Move steadily and consistently to ensure clean cuts.

4. **Complete Cuts:** Make sure to route through all template slots for both the pin and tail boards.
5. **Power Off:** Turn off the router and wait for the bit to come to a complete stop before removing it from the jig.
6. **Unclamp Workpieces:** Release the quick clamps and carefully remove the routed workpieces.
7. **Test Fit:** Test fit the two pieces together. They should fit snugly. If too tight, minor adjustments to router depth or template position may be needed. If too loose, re-evaluate setup and router bit.

Figure 7: Front view of the dovetail jig, showing both quick clamps in position. This illustrates how workpieces are secured for routing operations.

7. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and continued accuracy of your dovetail jig.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the jig thoroughly to remove all sawdust and debris. A brush or compressed air can be used.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the dovetail template for any signs of wear or damage. Ensure all clamping mechanisms are functioning smoothly.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a light coat of machine oil to moving parts, such as the clamp rods, to ensure smooth operation and prevent rust.
- **Storage:** Store the jig in a dry, clean environment to prevent corrosion and damage.

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9. Warranty and Support

For information regarding warranty coverage, technical support, or spare parts, please contact EBERTH customer service. Details can typically be found on the EBERTH official website or through your point of purchase. Please have your model number (Dovetail Jig 380mm) and purchase date available when contacting support.