



Cutting Board: How To's #2: Zig Zag Cutting Board Patterns - Inspirational

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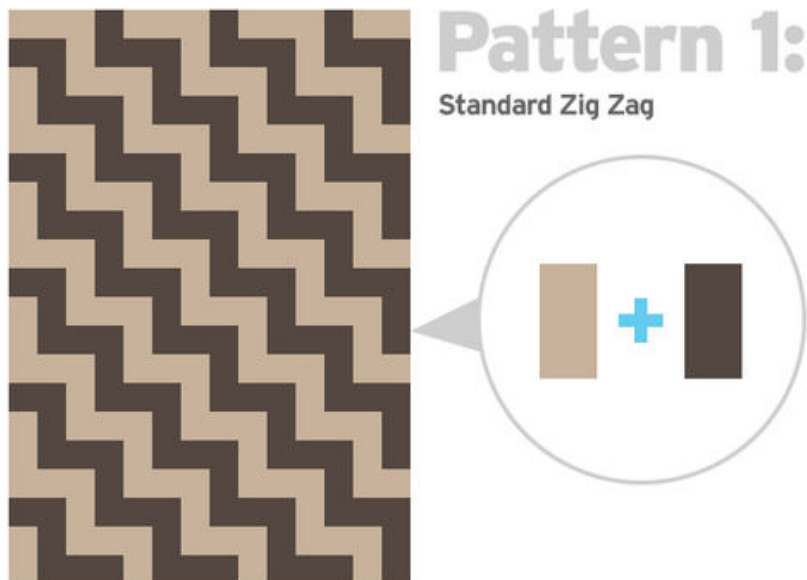
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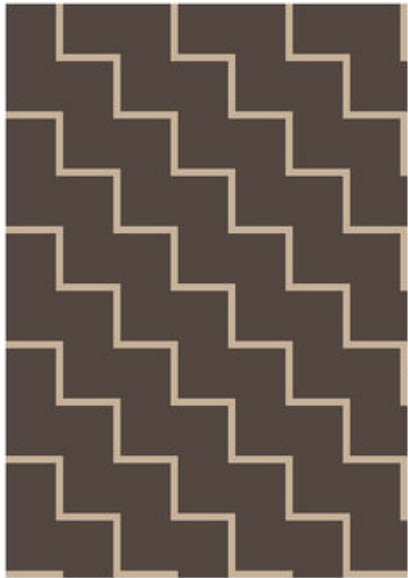
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I was absolutely overwhelmed by the positive response to my [Zig Zag How To blog post](#) yesterday, that I decided to brainstorm some possible combinations (on my lunch break) using the basic steps I outlined yesterday. All of the same techniques and steps apply, and really the only difference is the woods and measurements that make up the original “sticks.” Same rules apply to width = height. Length is up to you.

Please experiment with whatever measurements and combinations strike you. Have fun with these. There are so many possibilities. If you run into a great new pattern, post it. I'd love to see it.

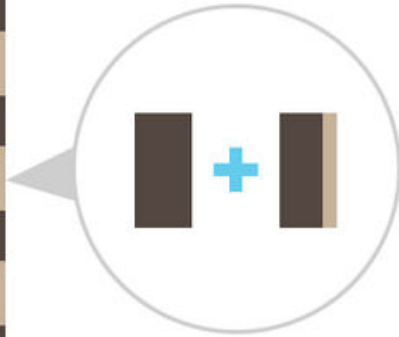
Thanks LJs for being such an inspirational online community. First one to post one of these gets a giant thumbs up and my sincere admiration.





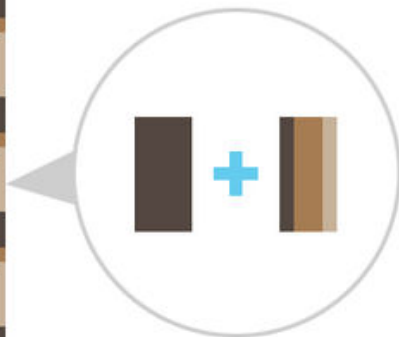
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Thick & Thin Zig Zag



Pattern 3:

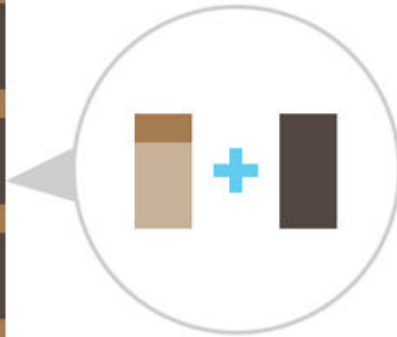
Three Thickness Zig Zag





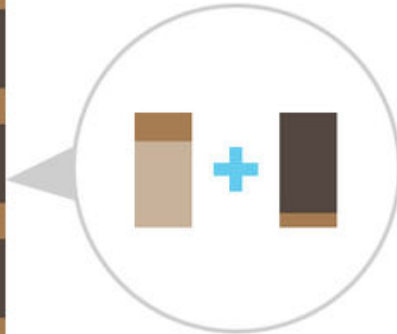
Pattern 4:

Layered Zig Zag



Pattern 5:

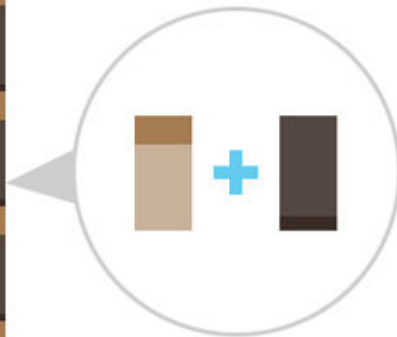
Art Deco Zig Zag





Pattern 6:

3D Zig Zag



I hope these inspire you.

-- Measure, cut, curse, repeat.

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degoose

7276 posts in 4204 days

#1 posted 10-05-2010
02:25 PM

You Steve and the Professor are my heroes.

I have some time off tomorrow ...so I think that I might have to try at least all of the above.

-- Don't drink and use power tools @ lasercreationsbylarry.com.au



McLeanVA

493 posts in 4283 days

#2 posted 10-05-2010
02:40 PM

Larry...

Please do! I would love to see what you pros can do with these basic ideas. I'm actually excited to try one of these more complex patterns out myself one day. I'd bet that with the combined talent here on LJ's the mutations of this board are endless. Thanks for looking my friend.

-- Measure, cut, curse, repeat.



Jimthecarver

1124 posts in 4635 days

#3 posted 10-05-2010
02:50 PM

I like it....I think I shall try one of these soon, although I cannot claim to be a pro.

They look so complex until shown like that

Thank you for showing how to do them.

-- Can't never could do anything, to try is to advance.



blackcherry

3344 posts in 4672 days

#4 posted 10-05-2010
03:17 PM

I'm in as well , nice work and thanks for sharing...BC

And so do I, I love the variety and optical illusions..



BertFlores58

1698 posts in 3771 days

#5 posted 10-05-2010
05:18 PM

-- Bert



robert triplett

1566 posts in 3954 days

#6 posted 10-06-2010
12:05 AM

I can imagine trying 1, 2, or 3, but going for the others gives me visions of being covered in glue like when I get into painting and wonder why I painted my clothes and hair. Thanks for the variations. Maybe # 1 or 2 tomorrow. I have some stock cut.

Robert

-- Robert, so much inspiration here, and now time to work!!!



dozuki

103 posts in 3850 days

#7 posted 10-06-2010
11:37 PM

those boards are awesome. I think I will have to start with the original some of the others make my head hurt. my only problem is that I don't have a thickness planer. I may have to give it a whack with a belt sander.

-- Couldn't think of anything clever. I LIKE WOOD



a1Jim

118136 posts in 4426 days

#8 posted 10-06-2010
11:44 PM

Super designs fantastic work.

-- <https://www.artisticwoodstudio.com/videos>



Ken90712

17902 posts in 4038 days

#9 posted 10-07-2010
05:09 AM

Very interesting post. I think I'll have to try these. Thank-you for the info, look fwd to seeing your boards!

-- Ken, "Everyday above ground is a good day!"



TopamaxSurvivor

19537 posts in 4525 days

#10 posted 10-09-2010
04:26 PM

Lookin good, you are spurring LL on ward and forward :-))

-- Bob in WW ~ "some old things are lovely, warm still with life ... of the forgotten men who made them." - D.H. Lawrence



helluvawreck

32122 posts in 3716 days

#11 posted 10-10-2010
06:45 AM

McLean, these are great looking designs.

-- helluvawreck aka Charles, <http://woodworkingexpo.wordpress.com>



WoodArtbyJR

428 posts in 3814 days

#12 posted 10-11-2010
08:30 AM

McLean, let me see if the my right brain is viewing these correctly. Your image in the circle is the difference in lay out for using a 2 piece (of wood) pattern. Other then the newly inserted different colored wood, follow part one's pattern layout. Correct? Sometimes when I use my whole brain to think I get cornfused (not a typo). Thank you for the new designs and thank you for taking Larry and I's suggestions as to not using a planer to plan endgrain boards. BAD idea. Not a safe thing to do.

-- Jim Roberts, Port Orchard Washington

**bvdon**

502 posts in 3864 days

#13 posted 10-25-2010
01:36 PM

Note that these designs will yield edge grain (as opposed to a preferred end grain).

**McLeanVA**

493 posts in 4283 days

#14 posted 10-25-2010
02:46 PM

bvdon – Sorry if I misunderstood your last comment, but these are actually end grain patterns. The previous blog post describes the process and makes more sense of the circle diagrams represented to the right of each pattern. Picture staring at the end grain “down the length” when viewing these insets. These inform the initial “sticks” on Step 3.

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**QUACKENBUSH**

5 posts in 3667 days

#15 posted 11-15-2010
08:53 PM

THESE DESIGNS ARE AWSOME. NOT BEING CREATIVE, THEY STIR UP THE FEW BRAIN CELLS STILL COOKING. I'LL PROBABLY TRY YOU BASIC BOARD BEFORE THESE ZIGGERS, JUST FOR SOME NEEDED PRACTICE. THANKS FOR THE GOOD INSTRUCTIONS..

-- RJC

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