



Laying the pieces for the side assemblies on your bench and marking everything will make sure you cut the pockets in the right places. Pencil lines are much easier to sand off than holes in the wrong location.



Set the miter saw to a five degree angle. Place the leg on the saw so that the cut begins about 1/2" down from the top of the leg. Use a stop block to hold the leg in place as you rotate the leg 90° to make the four cuts for each leg.



The dowel holes in the rear legs need to be drilled parallel to the side stretcher, not perpendicular to the rear leg, otherwise they just won't fit.



By using two steel rules in tandem I'm able to measure the actual required length of the dowels by measuring to the bottom of the dowel holes.



After marking the required length of the splat at the chair itself (above), use a home-made trammel to mark the curves to shape the splat (right).

