

04 - Making a Cut



Step 1 — Setup



- Check that the table angle locking knobs and blade guide locking knob are securely tightened.
- Inspect the blade guides to ensure that nothing is loose or allows too much play.

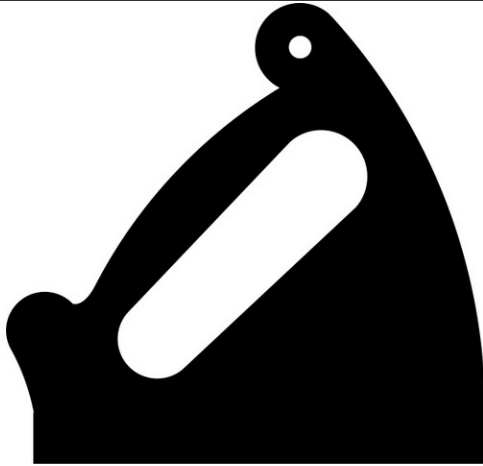


Don't ever use bandsaw without guards on it. If you see the bandsaw is missing a guard, contact a volunteer right away, and do not attempt to use the bandsaw. Before using the bandsaw, adjust the guard so that it is less than a fingertip's width above your piece to prevent your finger from passing through the saw.



Hook up a shop vac and turn on dust collection. Dust can accumulate in and around the wheel where the bandsaw rotates and can prevent it from rotating smoothly.


Step 2 — Press the start button



- Make sure a push stick is next to you.
- Position self and piece directly behind blade.
- Press the start button to turn on the saw.
- **Wait for the saw to come up to speed before continuing.**

Step 3 — Feed your material



- Feed your material through the saw, following your marks.
-  **Do NOT cut round objects on the bandsaw without consulting an area manager.**
Round objects can rotate and spin and get stuck on the saw blade.
- **Key Point: Do not force your material through the saw blade. Check to see that the blade is sharp if the material doesn't feed through easily.**
- Once the piece reaches, or is near, the red circle on the table, grab your push stick and proceed to finish your cut.

Step 4 — Press the stop button



- Press the stop button to turn off the saw.
- **Key Point:** Be sure to sweep and dispose of saw dust, and return the table to zero degrees (if tilted) when done.