

QUICK TOOLS - TRACING BOARD

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A MINI ILLUMINATED TRACING BOARD

Use it for accurately tracing over the folded or butterfly other half of the rib or frame drawings. (I wish I had made one of these about 100 frames ago!) Also excellent for checking the symmetry of finished frames, i.e., trace the outline of the completed frame then turn the tracing over, and place the frame over the see-through tracing to compare symmetry.

Materials needed: Standard plug-in hooded night light with a 7 watt bulb. Extension cord with plug and socket. Piece of 1/8" acrylic or glass approximately 5" x 7". I prefer acrylic because it is easy to cut to size. A 36" strip of 2" x 1/4" pine.

Assemble a 5" x 7" box. SEE SKETCH BELOW

Fasten 3/4" x 1/4" strips to the sides which will provide a frame to hold the glass panel.

Cut a hole in the short side to make a snug fit for the plug end of the cord.

Insert the night light into the socket in the box and you are ready to start tracing.

