

Making the mortises for the deckbeams

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Before we can start creating the deckbeams, we have to drill mortises for the deckbeam tenons. To do this we have made a jig that ensures all the mortises are drilled into the gunwale at the same angle.

By drilling three holes at every location for the deckbeams, most of the wood is already removed from the mortises and only some minor chiseling is needed to clean them up.

The holes are cleaned and cut to size using a saw, chisel and file.