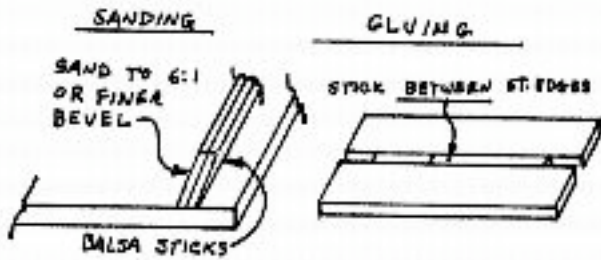


A Couple of Tips and Techniques

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When adding stringers to my Fairchild 24 (yes I'm working on it), I found that the 1/16th sticks I had cut were too short. Being lazy, I decided to splice a few together to make some long enough to use. Many times in the past, I had tried to cut the splice by stacking two sticks and cutting with a razor blade. The results were less than accurate. This time however, I placed the sticks side by side with an end at the edge of my building board. Using a sanding block I beveled the sticks to a perfect match. Sandwiching the joint between two (metal) straight edges resulted in a perfect glued joint. In addition, place the joint over a former in an area that doesn't have much curvature on the plane.



Have you ever had a crack in a sheet balsa part on a plane and wanted to glue it? If you can get to the edge of the crack, carefully spread it apart. On both sides of a piece of bond paper about as wide as the crack is long, put a bead of white glue on both sides. Work the paper into the crack and let it close on the glue, open the crack a little and work the glue around, then remove the paper. As the crack closes, you will find that the crack is well and truly glued.

