



**9-27** Gluing four pieces in this channel



**9-28** Trimming flush with hand plane

## The First Wheat Strip

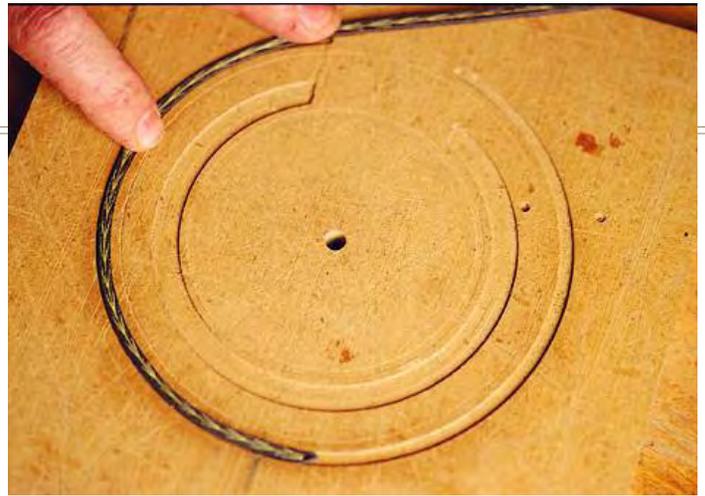
The wheat motif is next. The wheat strip has been made to a thickness of 0.125 inch, so the channel can be routed with a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch bit. On a scrap piece of MDF or similar material, cut a circular channel with a radius equal to the one you are about to cut for the wheat. Make it a bit wider than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inches, because the wheat must fit in easily without a struggle. Bend the wheat strip on the bending iron a little at a time, fitting it into the channel in the scrap piece as you go (**9-29** and **9-30**). Fit the entire strip into the channel on the scrap piece. If you intend to have the points of the wheat meet on the centerline, find an appropriate spot to cut the strip and mark (**9-31**). Do not cut right to the point of the arrow; leave some material and trim it away as you fit the two halves together (**9-32**).

Rout the 0.125-inch channel in the top adjacent to the previous installation (**9-33**). The points of the two pieces of wheat meet at the center seam. They must be trimmed so that they fit together nicely. Trimming here should be done with sandpaper glued to a flat piece of stock, because only small amounts of material should be removed at a time without chipping out to create a good fit (**9-34**). Once a good fit has been established, apply the glue and install the first half right up to the centerline (**9-35** and **9-36**). Butt the second piece right up to the first at the center. Plane the pieces flat, leaving them protruding a bit; cover with wax paper; and clamp using a caul. After the glue has set up, plane flush to prepare for the next installation (**9-37**).

The yellow/black/yellow/black combination is installed next to the wheat, as done previously (**9-38** through **9-40**).



**9-29** Prebending the wheat strip



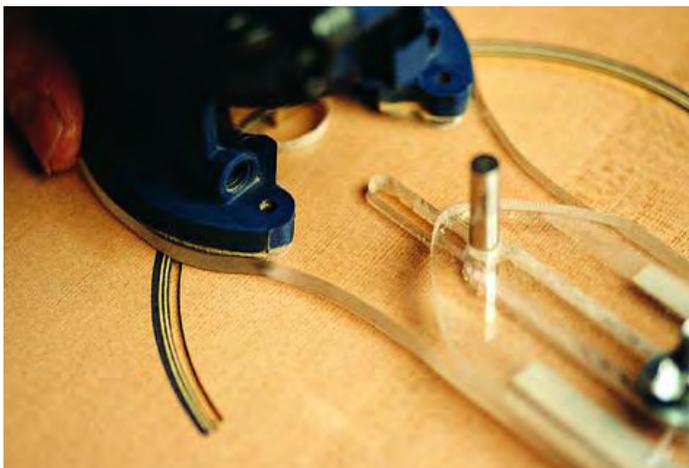
**9-30** Fitting wheat strip in the scrap piece



**9-31** Marking the strip



**9-32** Allow material to trim off when cutting



**9-33** Routing channel adjacent to previous installation



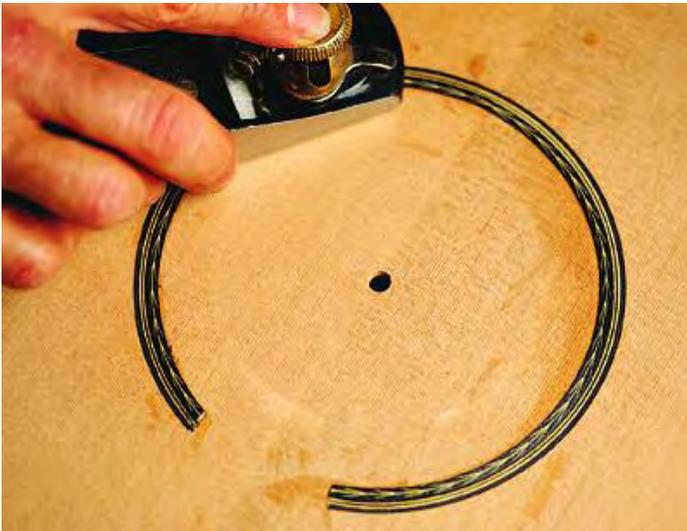
**9-34** Trimming with sandpaper glued to block



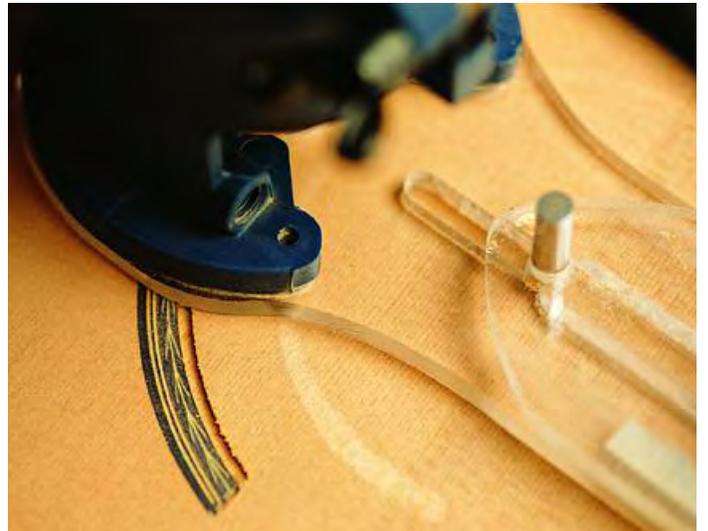
**9-35** Applying glue



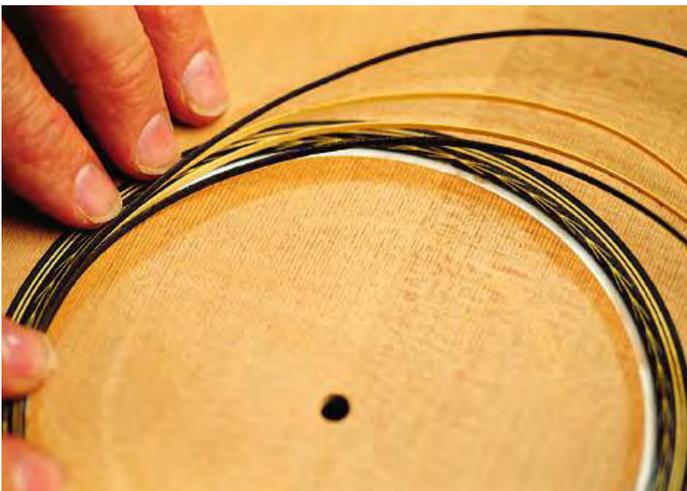
**9-36** Installing first half up to center



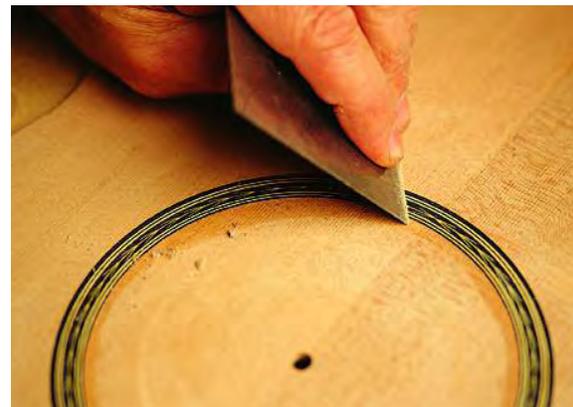
**9-37** Planing flush to prepare for next installation



**9-38** Routing next channel



**9-39** Gluing yellow/black/yellow/black strips



**9-40** Trimming flush with scraper