

BOUZOUKI BLUEPRINT GENERAL OVERVIEW

Building the Bouzouki from scratch is major project. You will need a shop full of power tools, including table saw, band saw, planer, drill press, jointer, and belt sander, along with standard hand tools. The plan calls for slicing four thin (1/16" X 3" X 24") layers of hardwood to make the sides by gluing and clamping two at a time in a curved press until dry so they hold their shape. This allows you to determine the shape you like best for the body. Another option is to use a bending iron or heat blanket for bending full-thickness (1/8") side pieces without laminations. Or you can contact us about ordering the bent sides we make for our Bouzouki kits.

BILL OF MATERIALS (WOOD)

QTY	PART	TYPE OF WOOD	ROUGH SIZE	NOTES
1	Neck/Peghead	Good Hardwood	3/4 X 3" X 36"	
2	Sides	Good Hardwood	1/8" X 3" X 24"	Bent to shape the body
1	Soundboard (front)	Soft Wood	1/8" X 14" X 18"	Spruce, cedar, redwood, or mahogany
1	Back panel	Thin plywood or solid	1/8" X 14" X 18"	
1	Fretboard	Good Hardwood	1/4" X 2-1/4" X 18"	
4	Inner Braces	Soft wood	5/16" X 3/4" X 13"	Spruce, cedar, or redwood
1	Bridge	Good Hardwood	1/2" X 1/2" X 3-1/4"	
1	Tail Block	Any wood	3/4" X 3" X 3"	
1	Spacer	Any wood	1/8" X 1/2" X 14-1/4"	