

Ten Snowboard Template Making Tips

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Here are ten tips that will help you make a good snowboard template using Boardcrafter Design:

- Take some practice runs with your jigsaw before attempting to cut out the snowboard template. Trace something round (like a bucket) to understand how well your jigsaw cuts and get comfortable with it.
 - Use a new wood blade with fine teeth. A wood blade with coarse teeth will cut too quickly and roughly which increases the likelihood of making a mistake.
 - Slowly apply the snowboard template printout with spray adhesive starting from the middle of the printout.
 - If the printout goes on crooked check to see if A: the printed lines are all on the MDF (i.e. not hanging over the edge; B: that there are no wrinkles that could distort the shape. If your template looks good on both these points you should be OK.
 - Cut off excess MDF with a circular saw so that the jigsaw does not need to go as far to get to the shape.
 - Approach the template cutting line with your jigsaw so that you will not have to make a sharp turn to start cutting out your snowboard shape.
 - Cut along the template line very carefully and patiently with the best jigsaw you can get. A quality jigsaw will save you from a lot of frustration
 - When sanding the edges of your template after cutting it out be sure you are maintaining a 90 degree angle. If you don't have a 90 degree angle it is not going to be a good running surface for your trim router and it will be harder to check symmetry.
 - Check your template against another printout to see how you did. If one side is bad you can use the good side to make a new good template
 - Be willing to start over. The template needs to be right so forgive yourself if you blow it, learn from the mistakes and try again -this will pay off in the end.
- Hopefully these tips help you make a great template and snowboard.