Band Saw

When to use:

Band saws are great for curved cuts and very thin cuts. This tool is mostly used for smaller cuts and is one of the least accurate saws available.

Safety:

1. Cuts that have a tight curve can make the blade bind, this should be avoided by notching the cut as demonstrated in class
2. It is difficult in many cases to keep your fingers less than 3” away from the blade on the Bandsaw, if this is the case consult me or a tool champion
3. Do not have your hands in front of the blade at any point using the bandsaw, if you slip or are bumped your hand can move into the blade
4. Keep blade guard down when tool is not in use

Procedure

1. Attach dust collection
2. Adjust the blade guard as close as possible to the piece you are working on.
3. Turn on dust collection
4. Turn on band saw
5. Make cuts using fence or drawn guidelines
6. Turn off machine and dust collection
7. Clean up tool and surrounding space

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