

# Trend Setter

## Verdict

Trend's Skeleton Hinge Jig (H/JIG/C) is a customisable template that eliminates the need for marking out in the conventional way.

## Tibby Singh Chodha tests the Trend Skeleton Hinge Jig

**T**rend were the first to launch an adjustable hinge jig in 1994. It allowed hinges to be routed onto wooden doors and frames. This Jig became very popular with on-site joiners because it saved time and money compared to using a hammer and chisel.

Trend's New Skeleton Hinge Jig is supplied in a fabric carry case for protection. This case has a separate compartment containing accessories, such as four bradawls and a 16mm collet for the router. The lightweight jig itself is in two sections which are screwed together making it portable and easy to carry around. The jig is simply assembled by sliding the lower (short) body into the upper (long) body with the fitted jointing blocks, and held together by two locking systems. At first glance the jig



may look daunting and a bit complicated to use, but believe me it couldn't get any easier.

The blocks are quickly slid in the aperture and locked into position, according to the length and position of the hinge. It is just as easy to set up the width of the recess using the edge stops, so no spacers are needed to set these blocks. Setting up is made even easier as there are

pre-set edge guides positioned for standard hinges, for 20mm, 25mm and 30mm hinge leaf widths.

Once set, the hinge jig is laid on the edge of the door, with the swivel end plate at the top end of the door and pushed into place, until all the edge guides are touching the opening face of the door. This

swivel end plate consistently prides the correct gap above the door. When positioned the bradawls are hammered into the door through the jig. These four bradawls eliminate the need for additional clamps to hold the jig in place. Now here's the good news, once the jig is set up for the door, you do not need to make any alterations to use the jig on the door frame. Now, simply router away.

Trend's Skeleton Hinge Jig (H/JIG/C) is a customisable template that eliminates the need for marking out in the conventional way. It allows you to cut out hinges and hang doors within minutes. It does all the hard work, making it quicker and easier than I ever imagined.

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