Asian Temple Box

Drawing is not actual size
For full sized templates of the feet and roof profiles, see next page
The “Lid” is a frame made to fit the top of the oak box very accurately, with a lip that extends down inside the box about 1/8” or 3-4mm. The top edge of the frame, which extends out beyond the sides of the box slightly, is cut at the same angle as the inside of the lower roof, namely 28 degrees, so it can be glued directly to the roof.
This simple jig can be quickly assembled out of scraps, and used a few hours later when the glue has dried. The two scraps at the bottom prevent the jig from moving from side to side, and are a snug fit. The back fence is a single board, tall enough to support the molding when it is in its final, tilted position. A small triangular piece at the center will probably come out once the miter cuts have been made.

To use this, just screw down the front fence in a position that keeps the molding tilted up at the correct angle, and set the saw to cut at 45 degrees with the blade angle straight up.