# Router Decorative Edges

This playbook provides detailed steps on how to use a router to create professional-looking, decorative edges on woodworking projects. It is designed for crafters who wish to enhance the aesthetic of their work with intricate edge designs.

### Step 1: Safety Check

Ensure that your router is unplugged and the bit is tightly secure. Put on safety glasses and hearing protection.

### Step 2: Bit Selection

Choose a router bit that suits the type of decorative edge you desire. Factors include the profile shape, size of the bit, and whether it's a straight or tapered edge.

### Step 3: Test Cuts

Make test cuts on scrap pieces of wood to check the bit setup and adjust the router's depth of cut to achieve the desired edge effect.

### Step 4: Secure Workpiece

Clamp the workpiece firmly to your workbench to prevent it from moving while routing.

### Step 5: Router Setup

Set the router's speed based on the bit's size and the type of wood. Insert the bit and adjust the router's base plate to control the cutting depth.

### Step 6: Routing Process

Turn on the router and begin routing the edge of the wood, moving the router from left to right (counter-clockwise) along the edge. Maintain a steady feed rate and hold the router firmly to ensure an even cut.

### Step 7: Final Touches

After completing the routing, turn off the router and unplug it. Remove the workpiece from the clamps and lightly sand the edges to remove any rough spots.

## General Notes

### Router Care

Regularly clean and maintain your router to extend its life and ensure precise cuts. Check for dull bits and replace them as necessary.

### Environment

Ensure you work in a well-lit area with enough space to manage the wood and the router comfortably. Keep your workspace clean to avoid any accidents.