

# Weekend Project

## bedroom Mirror

A few pieces of wood and a weekend are all it takes to build this heirloom mirror.



Over the past several issues of *Woodsmith*, we've been building a collection of bedroom furniture (inset photo at right). The mirror shown here represents the final piece of the suite. Not only does it match the dresser, bed, and nightstand in appearance, it also shares some of the same construction details. But unlike the other pieces, this is a project that you can easily complete in a weekend.

**START WITH A FRAME.** Building the mirror starts with making a basic frame. To keep it simple, I used pocket hole screws. This gives

you a strong frame without having to invest a lot of time making mortise and tenon joints.

To make the frame, start by cutting the frame pieces to size. You'll need an upper and lower rail, and two stiles. (Note that the rails are different widths.)

The stiles feature a bead profile along the outer edges to match the stiles of the dresser and nightstand. I created this bead at the router table, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge beading bit (detail 'a').

**ASSEMBLY.** With the frame pieces ready to go, I dry clamped all



the parts together to make sure the assembly was square. Then I drilled the holes for the pocket hole screws and screwed the frame together. Detail 'b' shows the screw locations.

