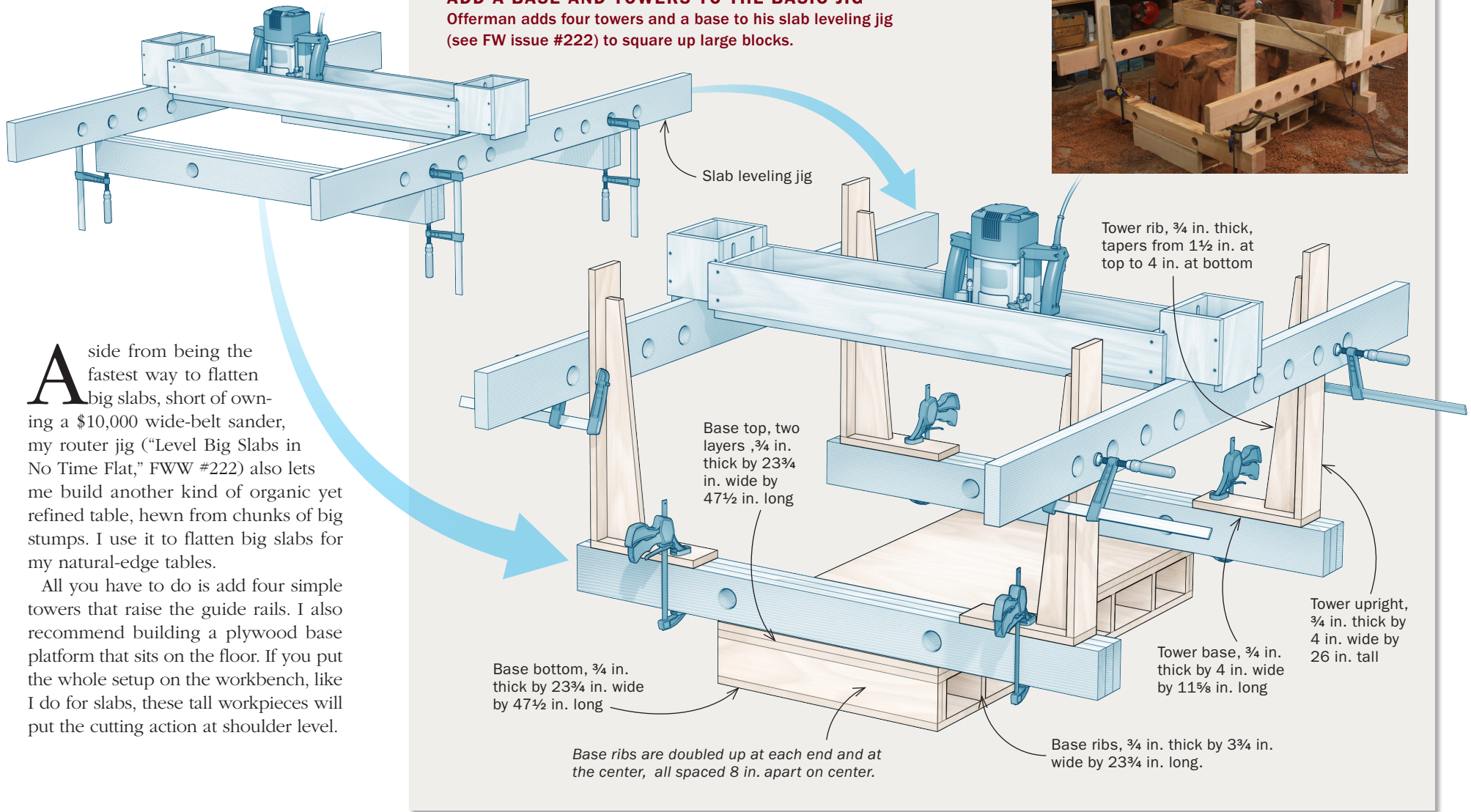


# Router jig squares up large blocks

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**ADD A BASE AND TOWERS TO THE BASIC JIG**  
Offerman adds four towers and a base to his slab leveling jig (see FW issue #222) to square up large blocks.



Aside from being the fastest way to flatten big slabs, short of owning a \$10,000 wide-belt sander, my router jig ("Level Big Slabs in No Time Flat," FWW #222) also lets me build another kind of organic yet refined table, hewn from chunks of big stumps. I use it to flatten big slabs for my natural-edge tables.

All you have to do is add four simple towers that raise the guide rails. I also recommend building a plywood base platform that sits on the floor. If you put the whole setup on the workbench, like I do for slabs, these tall workpieces will put the cutting action at shoulder level.