

Double Dog Daredevil Furniture: Tips & Tricks to Keep Your Composure



The goal to keep in mind while working: build towards a rectangular form. Use the grid printed on the box bottom to keep pieces orderly and plan your approach.

Setting type on a circle:

The two acrylic circles used together are the right fit for 18 point type. You can set in a composing stick and transfer, or just carefully set between the circles. Either way, tweezers are helpful in keeping the type pushed together. (Always be cautious to avoid damaging the type, steering clear of the face entirely.) Note that the fit is tight, so adding some type at the top, then the bottom, and back and forth is a good approach, and if only setting a half circle, fill open space with a wood half circle. Sorts wider than an em will be probably be too tight. The flexibility of the large plexi circles can be helpful while trying to squeeze in material, but work cautiously because they can break with too much force. Check to confirm the foot of each sort is touching the composing stone, both by finger pressure and a planer.

Larger type can be set using the wood half circles, and adjustments to fit can be made using one point leading as needed. Typically use less word spacing than in straight line composition as the curve splays out the type.

Setting type on a curve:

Use one point leading or even cover weight paper strips with the “circular quads” to bridge the meeting point between the pieces of wood. Like metal quads, these work best with smaller type—below 36 point or so—plus type that isn’t more than an em in width. If furniture pieces aren’t fitting together nicely, try flipping some to the “wrong” side. This can help compensate for the laser cutting and make a tighter fit of pieces—it just doesn’t look as nice in the box.



Double your Daredevil Fun:

Combining the original Daredevil Furniture with this set accommodates three concentric circles of 18 point type or ornaments. Stagger the circles to add smaller type or spacing at one end, and larger type or spacing at the other end.

*Please contact me with any questions or for replacement parts.
Happy printing!*