How to use your crown molding templates

To best show you how to use the crown molding templates, we will make a cut for a horizontal, inside corner, right-hand piece. See the photo to the right.

To determine which direction to adjust your saw (miter CW or CCW, blade tilt left or right) and which way to position your crown on your saw, use your crown molding template that is labeled for the corner you are wanting to cut (i.e. horizontal turn, inside corner, right-hand piece). Place the template on your saw (face up and flat on the table). Make adjustments to your saw or the position of the crown molding template (right or left side of blade) so that you can set the blade parallel to the bevel cut on the template, then replace your template with your crown molding in the same position and then set the miter and blade tilt obtained from the tables/charts in the book to get a perfect fitting joint. (Repeat these steps for other templates.)

You can see in the photo to the right, I have paced the template on the saw table. In order to get the blade parallel to the bevel cut on the template, I had to rotate the miter clockwise and tilt the blade to the left (this saw only tilts to the left, some tilt both ways) and place the template on the left side of the saw blade and the bottom of the crown is next to the fence.

The templates are for determining the direction to set your saw. There are 8 templates in all. Use the template labeled for the corner you want to cut.