Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 00:18

I got a gift voucher for Warmoth as a Christmas present... I just had a think about what guitar is missing from my life.
I also had a rummage through my guitar bits storage containers and realised I have everything I need to build my ultimate Telecaster, with the exception of the body.
(I also realised that I have 6 necks and 6 bodies I'm not using in my stash.... might have to have a new year's eBay sell off).

So I've ordered the body to spec from Warmoth. It should take a while as it needs to be painted... but it should look something like this when it arrives and I assemble it:

but with a Bigsby B5 like this (and the finish colour should be somewhere between these two guitars):

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **DasBeef** » 28 Dec 2012, 00:29

Almost chiming in with, 'Isn't it telemaster time' natthu? Then I saw you had placed the order.
Also, have you seen the mock up of the 72 Custom Telemaster the guys done over on OSG? If he pulls it off, that will look amazing.
As will your above planned tele!

DasBeef

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 01:20

I did actually think about making a Telemaster (or Jazzcaster), but if I were to do that it would just be a straight Tele Body replacement (ie no trem).... and there are many other guitars I'd build before a Telemaster.
I have always wanted a Tele with a Bigsby, as I'm sure Skugga will attest to if you ask him... he's possibly sick of hearing about it

I did see that 72 Custom Telemaster idea on OSG, it will be cool, but I think there are a few details he isn't doing 'right'. My biggest gripe would be that the pickguard goes to the edge of the body on the upper bout... I think it would look better if it were more shaped like a Jazzmaster guard there. I'm also not a fan of the 'Custom' version of the '72 Tele, I prefer the 'Deluxe' (I just prefer the look of a simple hardtail bridge with that pickguard shape)... but that's me being fussy.

My favourite JM/Tele hybrid is the Jazzblaster (more JM than Tele)... this is a really nice one:

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **DasBeef** » 28 Dec 2012, 01:43

DO LIKE

DasBeef

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **DasBeef** » 28 Dec 2012, 01:45

Look what else just got posted....

[Image]
(Jazzcaster Deluxe)

Also, apologies. I'm all about the OT today....

DasBeef

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **DB Cooper** » 28 Dec 2012, 02:11

> *natthu wrote:*
> *... I just had a think about what guitar is missing from my life...*

Coming from you, natthu, this is rather funny!

DB Cooper

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 03:30

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *Look what else just got posted....*

Yeah, I saw that one. I'ts pretty cool. I think it's even in my guitar pron pic collection
Not quite something I'd build myself, but closer to what I like than the 72 Custom Telemaster you mentioned earlier... still, I most certainly wouldn't complain if *any* of these guitars were given to me!

I do have a Squier Thinline Tele body in that stash of spares I mentioned earlier... I am toying with the idea of installing the spare JM trem unit I also have on it... with the thinline pickguard, it'd be a little like that picture, except the Tele shaped version...

> *DB Cooper wrote:*
> *...Coming from you, natthu, this is rather funny!*

It's true... I have more guitars than I could possibly justify having by any sensible measure
However, that's not going to stop me lamenting the many many guitars I'd love to own but don't....

...and just a warning DB ...a dedicated guitar room is the worst thing to posess if you're trying to curb your personal guitar ownership quota.... just sayin'....

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **Laurie** » 28 Dec 2012, 04:30

Interesting... Looking forward to the build-in-pictures!

Laurie

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 08:34

It could be up to 3 months before I have the body
...but I promise to post an annoying number of photos when it's all done

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **Dirk** » 28 Dec 2012, 10:10

Didn't you just buy an Avril Lavigne Tele?

That top picture tele has a beautiful colour btw.

Dirk

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **DarrinPA** » 28 Dec 2012, 20:08

I REALLY like the look of the "Jazzblaster" as you refered to it as. Is that a custom build?

DarrinPA

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 23:32

Yeah, sweet isn't it?

it's a custom build by one of the guys on OSG forum. It would be a relatively easy build. I've considered doing one myself.

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **Mully** » 07 Jan 2013, 12:23

> *natthu wrote:*
>
>
>

lovely.....

Mully

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 11 Feb 2013, 08:29

Received the Warmoth Body today and did a crude mock up with parts.
The Bigsby I have for it is still installed on another guitar...

Apologies for the terible photo, the colour doesn't really show true... it's very pretty in person.
For reference the bass body you can see partially next to the Tele is my Japanese J Bass in Fender Ocean Turquoise Metallic finish.
The Warmoth Turquoise is much darker (hard to tell from the pic) and bluer (which is fortunately what I was looking for)

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **skugga** » 11 Feb 2013, 13:52

Lucky! I thought you'd redone your order to change the colour when I first saw the pick. It almost looks LPB in that pick.

skugga

Re: Warmoth Tele Build

by **natthu** » 11 Feb 2013, 14:03

Yeah, it loses a bit of its green colour in darker lighting. It is however, much greener than LPB in any sort of decent light. Also my D200 struggles with reds and greens sometimes
I'll take some good pics out in the sun when it's done, I'm sure that will look much more 'turquoisey'.... (Ms. Natthu described it as "Teal" and then complained it reminded her of the Port Power AFL team colours).

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **natthu** » 28 Mar 2013, 01:26

The new Bigsby B5 arrived yesterday.
I originally had one of the "Fender F" Bigsby B5 Trems for this build but I found that unless the guitar has binding (and hence a slightly larger flat top) the "F" B5 overhangs the flat area.
The standard B5 (with "Bigsby" logo) is a little shorter and fits much easier.

I still need to wire the electronics, but you get the idea of what it's going to look like:

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **Pepe** » 28 Mar 2013, 01:51

Wow! Now that's a nice colour!

Pepe

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **Alonious_Monk** » 29 Mar 2013, 15:33

looks sweet man

aesthetically always liked the Tele/Bigsby combo, dunno about stability of tuning. But looks epic

Alonious_Monk

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **Dirk** » 29 Mar 2013, 15:57

Groovy!

Dirk

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **natthu** » 30 Mar 2013, 01:18

Thanks guys! I've installed the neck pup and grounded it all off.
I'm just waiting on a pre-assembled wiring harness now (I know that's lazy, but I hate soldering).

> *Alonious_Monk wrote:*
> *...dunno about stability of tuning...*

I've had Bigsby equipped guitars before, tuning stability is surprisingly good... Unless you break a string, then it's show over

natthu

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **DarrinPA** » 31 Mar 2013, 00:36

Looks great. For me personally, I'd do a pearloid pickguard considering the metallic paint job. But no matter what the Bigsby is killer!

DarrinPA

Re: Warmoth Tele Build (progress update)

by **natthu** » 31 Mar 2013, 15:57

> *DarrinPA wrote:*
> *...I'd do a pearloid pickguard...*

Hell No!.... I dislike pearloid with a passion... but hey, each to their own

natthu