Coiling Bandsaw Blades: Safe Fold, Store and Reopen Guide

Coiling bandsaw blades turns one large shop loop into 3 overlapping loops for storage, according to The Jim Boslice Workshop in February 2026. The folded coil matches the factory coil described by Rockler in June 2019. Practice with a blade between 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch wide keeps the spring force manageable, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026.

How does coiling bandsaw blades make a large loop safe to store?

Coiling bandsaw blades stores one large loop as 3 overlapping loops, according to BenchRefill updated October 2026. A smaller coil hangs on a hook and frees wall space. Shops that track bandsaw blade length can tag each coil so the right length reaches the saw without uncoiling spares.

What gear keeps coiling bandsaw blades safe for hands and teeth?

Coiling bandsaw blades needs heavy gloves, safety glasses and floor padding, according to Rockler in June 2019. Rockler in June 2019 lists long pants and cardboard under the blade to protect teeth and shins. Sawblade.com, accessed November 2026, states coiling and uncoiling needs safe, correct handling. Our shop habit follows the same safety-first routine described in how we test.

How to fold bandsaw blades into three coils without damage?

Bandsaw blades fold into 3 coils with a 45-degree wrist rotation, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026. "Hold the uncoiled blade in a horizontal circle in front of you, teeth up," writes Highland Woodworking staff on its coiling guide, accessed November 2026. The grip and twist below follow that same Highland Woodworking guide, accessed November 2026.

1. Grip left at 9 o'clock palm up and right at 3 o'clock palm down, then squeeze to an oval, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026.
2. Bend the left wrist up and the right wrist down into a saddle shape, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026.
3. Rotate each wrist about 45 degrees to drop the lobes into overlapping loops, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026.
4. Settle the loops horizontal and tie the bundle shut for hanging.

How should coiled bandsaw blades be tied, stored and reopened?

Coiled bandsaw blades stay shut with a twist tie and hang until use, according to Rockler in June 2019. Rockler in June 2019 coils with teeth away, steps on the blade, twists hand over hand to a figure eight, then twists the top circle another 180 degrees and pushes it down. Bouncing the bundle evens the loops before tying, according to the same Rockler June 2019 transcript. Dry, tied coils kept clear of the bandsaw dust control airflow path stay cleaner between changes. "The best way to store a band saw blade is in a coil, the way it came from the factory," states Rockler in its June 2019 video transcript.

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Can coiling bandsaw blades damage the teeth?

Coiling bandsaw blades does not damage teeth when the teeth face away and the blade lands on cardboard, according to Rockler in June 2019. Cardboard protects the edge during the twist and bounce. Gloves and glasses stay on for tying.

What size bandsaw blade is easiest for coiling practice?

A bandsaw blade between 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch wide is easiest for practice, according to Highland Woodworking, accessed November 2026. Wider stock fights the fold with more spring force. Master the narrow width before coiling wide resaw stock.

How do I reopen a coiled bandsaw blade safely?

A coiled bandsaw blade opens with controlled spring force while wearing gloves and glasses, since Sawblade.com, accessed November 2026, requires safe handling. Hold the tied bundle low and release the tie away from the body. Keep the teeth pointed away.

How should coiled bandsaw blades be stored between jobs?

Coiled bandsaw blades store best tied in the factory-style coil, according to Rockler in June 2019. Hang the tied bundle on a hook in dry air. Tag each coil with its size so the next change stays quick.