

Suggested Tools

I am frequently asked “What tools should I buy?”. This is a tough question to answer because everyone has different requirements based on the type and style of woodwork and on their price point. Nevertheless, with the following list I have attempted to provide some guidance. Please keep in mind that these recommendations/suggestions are based on my own experiences and approach to woodwork. You will undoubtedly get very different (and perhaps better) recommendations from others.

I will expand, delete and modify my suggestions from time to time.

Key:

Alt	Alternative suggestion.
B	These are essential tools that I would include in a beginners kit.

See separate document “List of Suppliers” for contact details.

Tool	Type	Make	Suppliers	B
Work bench	Mybench	Mybench	Stuart Faulkner	X
Vises	Alt: 9" face, quick action (cheap) Alt: 9" face (moderate) Alt: Twin Screw (expensive)	Eclipse "woodworker's" Record Lie Nielsen	McJing Tools Timber Bits Henry Eckert	X
	Tail	Ask me		
	Bench top	Gramercy tools	Tools For Working Wood	
	Engineer's	Ask me		
Planes	No 4 Smoother	Lie-Nielsen	Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	
	55 degree frog for No 4	Lie-Nielsen	Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	
	No 7 Jointer	Lie-Nielsen	Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	
	No 5 Jack	Lie-Nielsen	Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	X
	Block (Low angle with adjustable mouth)	Alt: Veritas Alt: Lie-Nielsen	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	X
	Shoulder (small)	Alt: Veritas Alt: Lie-Nielsen	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	
Spoke Shaves	Flat sole	Alt: Veritas Alt: Pinnacle	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec Jim Davey	
	Round sole	Veritas	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
Scrapers	Card		Carbatec	X
	Scraper Body	Veritas	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
	Burnisher			X

Saws	Dovetail	Alt: Lie-Nielsen (Thin Plate) Alt: Veritas (20tpi)	Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
	Carcase/tenon saw (rip 15-20tpi)	Alt: Refurb. vintage Alt: Veritas Alt: Lie-Nielsen	Brad van Luyt Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	X
	Carcase/tenon saw (cross cut 15-18 tpi)	Alt: Refurb. vintage Alt: Veritas Alt: Lie-Nielsen	Brad van Luyt Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec Lie-Nielsen, Henry Eckert	X
	Panel (Cross Cut)	Alt: Refurb. vintage Alt: Bahco Alt: Sandvik	Brad van Luyt Hardware store Hardware store	X
	Panel (Rip)	Alt: Refurb. vintage Alt: Bahco Alt: Sandvik	Brad van Luyt Hardware store Hardware store	X
Chisels	Paring 3,6,12mm ("Bronze back dovetail")	Iloroi	Tools for Working Wood	
	Paring 2mm	Stubai	Woodwork Book and Tool Co	
	Bench ("Classic bevel edge") ¼, ½, ¾, 1"	Narex	Lee Valley	X
	Mortise ¼ 3/8 ½"	Narex	Lee Valley	
	Skew (L and R)	Narex	Lee Valley	
Marking and measuring	Double (sliding) square 150mm	Alt: PEC Alt: Lee Valley	Jim Davey Carbatec	X
	Small double square with narrow blade	Alt: Starrett 14MDmm Alt: Chris Vesper	Starrett Chris Vesper	
	Solid (Engineer's) 100mm	Alt: PEC Alt: Measuremax	Jim Davey Machinery House	

	Solid (Engineer's) 150mm	Alt: PEC Alt: Measuremax	Jim Davey Machinery House	
	Solid (Engineer's) 150mm (ref'nce use only)	Starrett	Starrett	
	Rulers 600,300, 150mm	Alt: Measuremax Alt: Toledo	Machinery House	X
	Marking knife (double edge)			X
	Divider 6"	Alt: Measuremax Alt: Moore and Wright	Machinery House "antique" shops	X
	Marking gauge (std)	Veritas	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	X
	Marking Gauge (fine adj)	Veritas	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
	Sliding bevel 100mm			X
	Sliding bevel 200mm			
	Straight edge	Shop made	Paul	X
	Diagonal gauges	Shop made	Paul	
	Vernier caliper	Alt: Measuremax Alt: Mititoyo	Machinery House Machinery House	
	Ruler stop	Shop made	Paul	
	Scratch awl	Shop made	Paul	X
Power Tools	Cordless Drill/driver (Small)	Bosch GSR 10.8	Sydney tools	X
	Cordless Drill/driver (Medium)			
	Sander (125 mm Random orbital)	Alt: De Walt D26451 Alt: Milwaukee ROS125E	F and K Power tools, Sydney tools VEC tools	
	Router, Plunge + fixed base, 1/4", Hnd hld,(Sml)	De Walt D26402KXE		

	Router, Plunge, 1/4 + 1/2", hand/table (Med)	Triton MOF001	Timberbits	
	Router, Inverted, 1/4 + 1/2", table (Lrg)	Triton TRA001	Timberbits	
Hammers	Carpenter's mallet	Shop made	Paul	X
	Assembly mallet	Shop made	Paul	X
	Plane adjusting hammer	Shop made	Paul	
	Tack hammer			
Sharpening	Water stones	King 600, 1200, 4000	Carbatec	X
	Honing guide	"Eclipse"	Henry Eckert, Lie-Nielsen	X
	Honing Guide	Veritas (std)	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
	Honing guide	Veritas Mk II	Lee Valley, Jim Davey, Carbatec	
	Glass plates (x2)	10 x 100 x 350mm	Glass Reflections, Paul	X
Rasps	Alt: "Neck Shaping" Alt: "Cabinet Maker's"	Dragon Gramercy	Stewart MacDonald Tools For Working Wood	
Files	Mill 10" smooth cut Mill 10" bastard cut Half round 10"	Vallorbe	Henry Eckert, Lie-Nielsen Bunnings Bunnings	X
	File handles	Henry Eckert	Henry Eckert	X
Clamps	Quick action	Bessey	Carbatec	
	Sash	Record	Carbatec	
	Quick action(Light duty)	Irwin	Bunnings	
	Frame clamp	Shop made	Paul	
	G clamps 100, 150, 200 mm	Record		