

SPECIAL FEATURE: The Best Tools and Products of 2020

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Shaker-Inspired Daybed

DRAGONFLY SIDE TABLE

With Router-Powered Arts & Crafts Inlay

JAPANESE VENDOR STOOL

The Perfect Utility Piece for Your Home



Chisel

To be an effective chisel, you need a few things: good steel, a good shape and good ergonomics. Narex's Richter chisels are made for the company's founder, Vaclav Richter (delivering quality at a low price, to boot). These tools take a little more work. But once they're in your hand, they feel good, and the steel is tough. As with other brands in this category, these chisels focus on the task at hand.



■ Dovetail Clamp AP

We have enjoyed using Microjig's dovetail clamps for building jigs and assembly tables, but the newest version (AP - anti-pivot) are a definite upgrade.

The clamps still work with a standard, 1/2" 14° dovetail track (which you can rout in virtually any surface).

Microjig
MATCHFIT Dovetail
Clamp AP
microjig.com
Price: \$30

The anti-pivot coil spring (located just under the clamp arm) keeps the arm in place for repetitive clamp tasks. The new X-pad foot has a groove in it which helps the clamp exert both downward and in-line pressure from the clamp,

meaning you can keep your workpiece flat and push a joint together. The v-groove also helps with clamping non-square stock.



■ Powermatic Lathe

Powermatic
PM2014 Lathe
powermatic.com
Price: \$2000

This affordable, professional-quality lathe from Powermatic packs a ton of features into a compact footprint. The 20" swing means you can turn big bowls and platters. The optional stand and outboard accessories let you customize the lathe for exactly what you want it to do. Pared with a speed controller and a 1HP motor, this lathe is made to turn beautiful bowls and platters. It's built with the professional turner in mind at a price that's accessible to hobbyists, too. And, it's still small enough to easily transport to shows and craft markets.

