

The 2025 Beginner Woodworker Buyer's Tool Guide



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A Few Notes

All prices are either current *regular* prices, or the average price over the last six months. These aren't hopeful sales prices that happened once seven years ago.

These prices were noted as of April 2025, and will, of course, change. I did my best to keep the list very conservative so that if you find a sale, you will come under budget.

A helpful hint: use the website <https://www.camelcamelcamel.com/> to track price history and set up alerts that will notify you when something goes on sale. I've been able to score many-a-deal using this site.

Full disclosure, most of these links are Amazon affiliate links in which I earn a small commission (usually 1-3%). Other links besides Amazon are not affiliate commission links.

\$1,000

Tool	Brand/Model	Price	Description
Circular Saw	Ryobi PBLCS300B	\$100	This is a battery powered circular saw that doesn't come with the battery. Use the batteries that come with the drill and driver combo. Not ideal, obviously, but concessions must be made with a limited budget. The other option is to buy a corded saw.
Circular Saw Ripping jig	Kreg Align-A-Rip	\$44	Don't buy if starting right from \$2,500, but is useful for ripping boards to width after the opposite edge has been straightened.
Router w/ Fixed & Plunge Bases	DeWalt DWP611PK	\$200	This is a buy once, cry once router.
Chamfer Bit	Generic	\$14	
Round Over (x4)	Generic	\$12	
1/4" Spiral Upcut	Generic	\$15	
Rabbet 1/2" w/ Bearings	Generic	\$12	
Drill + Driver	Ryobi PCL1200 K2	\$130	
#8 Countersink	Amana Timberline Carbide	\$18	A carbide countersink will never go dull and provides a clean cut.
Drill Bit Set	Craftsman	\$16	

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Driver Bit Set	Amazon	\$10	
3/8" Plug Cutter	Snappy Tools	\$15	To plug countersunk screws. Can be used with the hand drill.
Flush Trim saw	Generic	\$7	For trimming the plugs
ROS Sander	DeWalt DWE6421K	\$70	You do not need the more expensive variable speed version of this sander. This sander served me well for many years.
5" ROS Sandpaper Pack	Generic	\$20	
Sanding Block	Generic	\$7	
3/4" Pipe Clamps (x4)	Generic	\$36	These pipe clamps are the best bang for your buck in terms of strength, length and versatility.
Black Pipe 6' x 3/4" x2	Home Depot	\$46	Buy 2 and cut both in half for x4 36" pipe clamps.
F-clamps 6" (x2) & 12" (x2)	Bessey GSCC4PK-C	\$30	
12" Combo Square	Irwin	\$13	
6" Speed Square	Swanson	\$12	
Tape Measure	Stanley Powerlock 16'	\$12	
Respirator	3M P100	\$35	
Ear Protection	Pettor	\$25	
Eye Protection	3M secure Fit	\$5	
Glue	Titebond OG 16 oz (x2)	\$16	
4'x8'x3/4" Plywood	Sande Plywood	\$63	For the circular saw straight edge and crosscut jig free plans!
Drywall Screws	#8: 1", 1.25", 1.5", 2"	\$24	For the included free jig builds, but it's always great to have each of these sizes on hand at all times in the shop.

\$2,500

All of the above, plus:

Tool	Brand/Model	Price	Description
Table Saw	DeWalt or Used Delta Unisaw	\$600	If you're not comfortable buying used, this is one of the only jobsite saws that has an extended arbor for a dado stack. For buying used, you must be comfortable transporting and tuning up the saw
Jig Saw	Ryobi PCL525B	\$55	For curves and template making
Jig Saw Blades	DeWalt Clean Cut Blade	\$15	
Flush Trim Bit	Spetool 1/4" compression	\$22	Can be used for template routing
Shop Vac	DeWalt	\$100	
Dust Separator	Dust Deputy Low-Pro	\$65	Will save money on filter bags in the long run
Chisels	Narex	\$60	
Mallet 8oz & 16oz	Generic	\$10	
Waterstone	King KW65	\$30	For sharpening the chisels
Honing Guide	Gohelper	\$35	For sharpening the chisels with ease.
Assembly Table	Bora Centipede 2x4x36"	\$119	If starting right from \$5,000, you may not need this, but it will still be handy either way.
Centipede Top	Top for Bora Centipede	\$90	"
Crosscut Sled Bundle	Small and Might Crosscut Sled And Panel Sled	\$27	Buy the bundle of two plans to get the most out of your table saw
Plywood For Sleds	5x5 Baltic Birch 18mm plywood	\$70	You'll find this at your local plywood supplier, and not at the home center
Crosscut Sled Parts	Miter Bars, T-track, Stop	\$100	See appendix in plans for products needed and links
Forstner Bits	Generic	\$40	This was added specifically to bore larger holes in the crosscut sleds to use the recommended miter bars with. If you're not

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			going to make the sleds or use different miter bars, then this is optional, but you will need these eventually.
Dado Stack	Oshlun 6"	\$78	You'll be able to do 99% of the cuts that an 8" dado stack will be able to do, but lower powered saws will like this better.

\$5,000

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Tool	Brand/Model	Price	Description
Planer	Dewalt 735x	\$630	
6" Jointer	Used Delta 37-220 or similar	\$500	Look for a used, good condition model like this one. This will be more powerful, longer, and more stable than a bench top jointer.
Dust Collector	Wen 1.5 hp	\$310	
4" Hose	4"x10'	\$32	
Hose Connectors	rockler	\$40	
Block Plane	Melbourne Low Angle	\$100	
Jack Plane	Melbourne Low Angle	\$200	
3/4" Pipe Clamps (x4)	Generic	\$36	
Black Pipe 6' x 3/4" (x4)	Home Depot	\$130	x4 for four 6 foot clamps
Evergreen Workbench Course		\$70	
Wood and Supplies For Evergreen Workbench		\$300	See the plans in the Evergreen Workbench Course for a full list of lumber, plywood, and hardware needed.