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Avoiding mirror image September 1994

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Backfilling a trench with sand July 1996

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Backing up a cut January 1984

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Baluster layout November 1992

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Barnboard basics September 1984 Baseboard corner blocks November 1996

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Beam dolly July 1996

Beam-stair November 1991

Bearing-over bit March 1983 Beefed-up towel bars March 1987

Beefing up old joists September 1990

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Belt hook November 1992

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Bending drywall July 1982

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Better backing for doors November 1991

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Bifold bumper March 1982 **Big box lends a hand** September 1995

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Blocks from box forms July 1992

Blue-jean nail bags November 1987

Blueprint basket March 1986

Blueprint frame July 1984

Boom-box deflector shield July 1986 Boot cleaners May 2002

Boring metal-skinned doors September 1993

Born-again bit May 1982

Born-again blades March 1982

Boxed Lally March 1992

Bracing a deck November 1993 Brick cutter May 1984

Brick-path screed May 1984

Broomplow March 1991

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Built-up roof blade January 1983

Bumpers simplify stair construction March 1997

Butterfly spool September 1983

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Cabinet jack July 1982

Cabinet jack July 1983

Cabinet jacks July 1985

Cabinet wall scribe July 1982

Cabinet-Door Hanging Jigs March 1981 Cable pulley November 1983

Calculating the radius of an arch November 1997

Caliper improvisation July 1987

Capping a pipe rail September 2000

Capping caulk-tube tips November 1995

Carbide tip, A March 1983 Card tricks November 1998

Card-carrying container November 1992

Card-carrying tool belt November 1987

Cargo planks January 1992

Carpenter's caddy November 1988

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Carpenter's number code January 1993

Carpenter's oil July 1982

Carpet on the roof September 1996

Carpet-pad insulation July 1995

Carrying doors September 1989

Case of the electric mud, The March 1999 Catch dust from overhead drilling July 2000

Caulk cap November 1985

Caulk cork May 1993

Caulk saver September 1988

Caulk trimmer September 1985

Caulk-gun holster September 1998 Caulking exterior trim March 1999

Caulking in tight spots January 1983

Caulking-gun care March 1985

Caulk-tube cap May 1989

Caulk-tube extension September 2000

Caulk-tube nozzles September 1986





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Caulk-tube tip November 1994

Center pivot doors September 1982

Centering a hole in a shaft May 1997

Centering without a centerpoint March 1994

Centrifugal roller cleaner November 1987

Chalk lines on wet concrete July 1988 Chalk talk January 1984

Chalkbox conversion May 1985

Chalkless nailing guages November 1981

Cheap tarps July 2000

Cheaper by the dozen September 1981

Chiseling hinge mortises January 1993 Chisel-pouch liner September 1996

Chop-saw box September 1986

Chuck-key ring May 1991

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Clamp lift September 1992

Clamp-fishing May 1991

Clamping a staircase May 1992

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Clamping scarf joints September 1992

Clamping T&G deck boards July 1999 Clamp-nailing July 1991

Clapboard gauge July 1987

Clean corners for manufactured siding January 1999

Clean cuts for recessed cans January 1995

Clean digging in mud July 1998 Clean edges where paint meets wood March 1998

Clean sanding belts July 1989

Clean sawblades September 1998

Cleaning drilled holes in concrete September 1997

Cleaning foam off the walls November 1989







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Cleaning foam off your hands November 1989

Cleaning paintbrushes May 1983

Cleaning sawblades May 1982

Clerestory window opener May 1988

Clip-on nail set May 1983

Close shaves on the table saw March 1988 Closet-shelf backing May 1993

Cobra light, The May 1991

Cold hands, warm nails November 1982

Cold-weather caulking January 2001

Collapsible trash-bag holder November 1999

Color-coded tools January 1987 Concrete calculations November 1983

Concrete funnel January 1991

Concrete splint September 1982

Conduit panel carrier January 1996

Cone-head piers July 1996

Contact lenses and drywall dust September 1994





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Contour gauge for piers March 1986

Controlling a faucet hose May 2001

Controlling roof moss November 1995

Controlling wire offcuts November 1995

Coping quarter round March 1994

Coping quarter-round trim March 2000 Coping table January 1992

Coping with a grinder March 1998

Coping with coil stock November 1992

Coping with rounded trim September 1990

Copper caps for rafters January 1983

Cord control May 1988 Cork patch January 1984

Corner blocking September 1984

Corner patch July 1983

Corrugated column forms May 1986

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Counter trim March 1984

Countersinking screws in backerboard March 2001

Covering gaps in drywall July 1994

Crab light, The March 1997

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Crayon grip March 1983 Crown molding, another way January 1983

Crown your studs March 1999

Crown-molding fixture September 1982

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Custom cap for pneumatic tools January 1996

Custom jigsaw base January 1988 Custom putty colors May 2001

Custom roof rack September 1987

Customized house numbers September 1996

Customizing concrete blocks May 1998

Cut-line reminder July 1991

Cutoff fixture January 1983





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Cut-off fixture May 1982

Cutting asphalt shingles May 1994

Cutting circles in foam insulation May 1998

Cutting clapboards May 1991

Cutting curves in big beams May 1983 Cutting double-angle miters July 1983

Cutting drywall with a Tsquare September 1996

Cutting fiberglass insulation September 1995

Cutting holes in tile November 1990

Cutting insulation September 1983 Cutting insulation March 1984

Cutting miters September 1981

Cutting multiple plugs September 1997

Cutting plastic pipe March 1994

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Cutting through roots July 1983

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Dampening drips November 1991

Dealing with warped floorboards September 1996

Deburring sheet metal July 1996

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Decking persuader January 1990

Decking spacer/nail guide January 1996 Deconstructing a chair November 1998

Decorative beam ends with a router January 1998

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Dialing in nail placement March 2002

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Disposable strop, The September 1994 **Documenting projects** January 1987

Don't move the pile March 1996

Door bumpers January 1994

Door butt gauge May 1982

Door jig March 1991

Door-hanging help November 1988





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Door-holding jig July 1981

Door-pull jig January 1988

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Double cuts March 1984

Double decking November 1981

Double-beveled rafters November 1981 Doubled joists cause leak July 1990

Double-duty miter-saw bench July 2001

Dousing for water lines July 1992

Dowel dishrack January 1983

Dowel-anchored butt joint January 1986

Drainpipe patch January 1986 Dressing big beams September 1991

Dressing up a door January 1982

Drill-bit countersink January 1993

Drill-bit debris removal November 1988

Drill-bit depth gauge January 1984

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Drill-bit extension September 1993

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Drilling from two sides July 1983

Drilling holes in EPS November 1989

Drilling sheet metal safely July 1993 Drip-catching cuffs September 1987

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Drip-edge runoff diverter May 2000

Drip-free caulking March 1989

Driving screw hooks September 1989

Drying rack March 1993 Drying rack for siding May 1990

Dryline spool March 1987

Dry-wall advice November 1984

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Drywall booster shot March 1993

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Drywall hoist May 1997

Drywall kicker July 1990

Drywall lift November 1981

Drywall patch July 1989

Drywall pattern for complex cuts July 1988

Drywall screws as cabinetpull bolts November 2000 **Drywall splits** September 1987

Drywalling at an angle November 1982

Dual panel gauge January 1985

Dump liner July 1991

Durable chalklines March 1988

Durable labels for marking wires March 2001 Durable sawblade bushings March 1986

Dust curtain May 1994

Dustless drilling September 1985

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Earmuff muff March 2000

Earplug storage March 1987

Easy-glide saw table July 1985

Easy-peel masking tape May 1988

Easy-tie lumber flag September 1986

Eccentric layouts May 1986 Edge clamping with a wedge July 1995

Educated key, The September 1992

Efficient way to paint doors, An July 2000

Electrician's carryall May 1988

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Emergency flat-roof repair September 2000

Emergency square driver May 1994

Endless soap dispenser March 2002

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Epoxy syringe September 1987

Erasable scratch pad May 1991

Errant drywall nails July 1987

Establishing a vertical baseline May 1996

Extend the life of exterior trim by priming the endgrain cuts March 1998 Extending varnish shelf life January 1992

Extension-cord garage September 1986

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False beams from prefab trusses March 1985

Fast, accurate small-batch concrete mixing January 1999

Fiberglass tub fix July 1991

Filling a cavity under a slab May 2000

Filling holes in stain-grade work March 1998 Filling nail holes May 1984

Filling nail holes in whitewashed cabinets November 1998

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Finding a punctured pipe November 1989

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Finding screw-gun bits in your pouch November 1994 Finding space in a small bathroom September 1999

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Fitting drywall September 1982

Fitting stair treads January 1993

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Fixed protractor July 1982

Fixing a leaky toilet July 1987 Flag control July 1989

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Flashbob, The November 1990

Flashing dispenser March 1991

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Floor guard January 1991 **Floor-joist reinforcement** July 1994

Floss your bits May 1996

Flush framing members September 1992

Flush-mount picture-frame hanging November 1999

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Foiling paint drips January 1990

Folding chopsaw bench September 1992

Folding drywall January 1985

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Folding workbench November 1983

Foldup sawhorses May 1994 Foolproof fluting July 1994

Form bracing in loose soil September 1987

Form stops January 1985

Form-fit leather pouches May 1988

Form-fit leather pouches March 1989

Form-fit vapor barrier January 1983 Forming curved trim January 1982

Foundation Advice January 1988

Foundation line markers November 1984

Foundation-wall reinforcement July 1990

Framer's layout tool January 1993

Framing jig September 1981







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Framing under a peak March 1982

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Freeze alarm May 1987

Freeze protection in the shop November 1995 Freezeproofing a garage sink March 2000

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Getting a grip on miters January 1994

Getting a handle on hammers November 1993 Getting a line on setting a toilet July 1998

Getting a purchase on stripped screws March 1998

Getting a push from a clamp November 1999

Getting sheathing onto the roof September 1996

Giant-contour gauge March 1991 Glue bucket September 1989

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Goggle defogger July 1985

Good-neighbor policy November 1988

Grain scribe, The January 1999

Greasing blades September 1990

Greasing screws July 1990

Ground-rod driver March 1996 **Grout gun** November 1981

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Hand-grip upgrade July 1995

Handrail joint May 1990

Handsaw bracket March 1990

Handsaw shoe November 1988

Hang up your working drawings July 1997 Hanger notch July 1985

Hanger-bolt driver September 1982

Hanging a door July 1981

Hanging fascia boards May 1989

Hard-to-reach nailing July 1995

Have nailer, will travel September 1992 Head lights September 1981

Header implant May 1989

Header retrofit May 1988

Heavy-duty paint scraper January 1987

Heavy-duty stirring rod May 1991

Helical drywall backing March 1995







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Help for frozen light bulbs January 2000

Help for hinges July 1984

Help for solo fascia hangers September 1996

Help for spray-can nozzles July 1990

Help for spray-can nozzles September 1990

Help for squeaky floors January 1998 **Hidden handrail connection** September 1998

Hidden shelf connections September 1981

High-carb hand cleaner January 1999

High-R vent chutes May 1997

Hinged trellis March 1986

Hinge-mortising jig September 1983 Holding a level plumb May 1987

Holding back the flood July 2000

Holding crown molding November 1998

Holding down a temporary roof July 1981

Holding little nails November 1991

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Holding molding January 1991

Hole-saw help September 1988

Hole-saw refinements November 1993

Homemade rebar bender September 1989

Homemade scribe November 1982

Homemade water level January 1982 Honing glass May 1989

Hooter stick, The May 1986

Hopper prop March 1993

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Hot rocks for cold pipes March 1995

Hot tip November 1992 Housewrap hammocks for insulation January 1997

How to hide roofing sealant July 1999

Hurricane-tie sawhorse July 1995

Hybrid handles January 1986

Hydraulic trenching May 1995







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Ice valve September 1992

Ice-dam advice July 1995

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Improved air-nailer handles May 1998

Improved drywall patch January 1995

Improved post puller March 1993 Improved sawhorse: It has lips, The September 2001

Improved tool grip July 1994

Improved V-groove July 1982

Improving a detail sander March 1999

Increasing the power supply November 1983

Inside measurements March 1983 **Installing a new threshold** November 1984

Installing bullnose baseboards September 1995

Installing fixed windows September 1981

Installing ground rods March 1994

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Installing pre-hung doors March 1990







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Installing tall doors September 1994

Insulated headers for cold climates May 1998

Insulating a floor March 1982

Insulators as knife sharpeners May 1998

Intentionally bent September 1988

Inverted jigsaw coping November 1994 Invisible drywall butt joints January 1996

Invisible fasteners for decks November 1989

Invisible nailing November 1984

Iris at the corners May 1991

It's a fine line May 1987



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Jigsaw blade guard July 1989

Jigsaw coping May 1991

Job-site blueprint table March 1997

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Job-site recliner March 1996

Job-site wood putty May 1995 Joining stair rails November 1989

Joist lift March 1992





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Keeping shower-drain weep holes clear November 2000

Keeping track of little steel parts July 1998

Kerf block speeds the sawcuts November 1995

Kerosene alternative, The July 1983

Key box helps organize small parts March 1997 Kitchen flashing September 1982

Knock-down horses July 1982

Knock-down saw stand July 1994





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Label solvent March 1990

Ladder booties March 1993

Ladder sack November 1987

Lag-bolt cabinet leveler May 1993

Lag-shield layout January 1993

Lally boxing January 1993 Laminate spacer November 1985

Laminate spacers July 1990

Large syringe eliminates messy, dripping paint cans November 2000

Laying out a cone September 1981

Laying out winder stairs July 1998

Leveling an old ceiling March 1996 Leveling long pieces of lumber March 2002

Leveling rod March 1987

Light-duty outfeed table March 1997

Light-duty site-built screw jack September 2001

Light-fixture template for drywall November 1988





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Lightweight workbench November 1982

Limeless lines November 1985

Line winder, The May 1999

Lipstick on the job March 1985

Little batches of drywall compound November 1999

Little bits May 1984 Little plugs November 1993

Locating a strike plate March 1994

Locating anchor-bolt holes May 1995

Locating balusters September 2000

Locating closet-shelf cleats November 2001

Locating latches September 1989 Locating studs January 1987

Lockset drill guide July 2000

Lockset retrofit July 1984

Longer pipe clamps March 1984

Loose screws in steel doors September 1991

Low-budget outfeed support March 1988





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Low-budget water level November 1991

Low-cost crown-molding clamps September 2000

Lumber roller

November 1984







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Magnet helper July 1983

Magnetic nail pouch November 1987

Magnetic vise blocks May 1997

Makeshift socket extension May 1990

Making a quick buck July 1989

Making heavy tool belts more comfortable January 2002 Making new caulk look old July 1994

Marking a square cut on a round column July 1998

Marking on tile September 1992

Masking-tape measure May 2000

Matching marble November 1982

Matching moldings May 1989 Measuring odd shapes July 1996

Measuring posts on uneven ground March 1999

Methodical approach to blocking, A November 2001

Milk-jug paint pot September 1995

Miter clamps November 1994

Miter jigs November 1983







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Miter-box medicine May 1986

Mitering rubber coves November 1991

Mixing epoxy September 1996

Mixmaster July 1988

Mobile job-site phone May 2001

Modified adjustable tool belt November 1987 Modified spade bit November 1987

Moldings on masonry walls July 1988

Monolithic column forms May 1994

More backing January 1989

More corner blocking May 1985

More MDF trim January 1998 More on coil-stock control May 1995

More on shingling from the top down September 1999

More on straightening studs March 1991

More on wing-wall reinforcement September 1994

More pencil points March 1992





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More post pulling May 1993

More praise for masking tape March 1996

More solo drywall hanging March 1992

Mortar-coving tool September 1997

Mounting strips for walls March 1991

Moving lumber November 1984 Moving sheet goods September 1993

Mudbucket bench September 1991

Mud-bucket bench March 1990

Mudbucket boots November 1988

Mudbucket helpers July 1988

Mud-bucket power station September 1993 Mudbucket storage trays January 1995

Mud-bucket toolbox July 1993

Multi-purpose boxes May 1987

Multipurpose cart January 2000

Multipurpose doorpull jig January 1992







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Nail pails May 1988

Nail pickup November 1992

Nail plates in a pinch November 1994

Nail pops September 1988

Nailbag liners November 1985

Nailbag support November 1987 Nail-box handle November 1990

Nail-gun nosepiece September 1995

Nailing between studs May 1993

Nail-pouch chisel roll November 1987

Nail-pouch liners March 1991

Nail-pouch organizers November 1990 Nailset angle September 1986

Nested post-to-beam joint November 1983

New life for an old wire brush September 1997

New life for old hose September 1992

New soldering in old plumbing November 1986

No-cost painting mitts November 1997





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No-nail zone July 1984

Non-clogging sawblades November 1982

Nonrolling stones March 1992

Non-skid miter box May 1991

Non-skid nail gun January 1991

Non-skid scaffold July 1991 Non-skid tools September 1990

Nonstick cap for PVC cement January 1995

Nozzle declogging May 1990







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Offset handle May 1985

Offset jig November 1984

Oil-bottle measuring cups May 1996

One man's ideal mock-up and pattern material July 1998

One-legged helper March 1993

On-site bender July 1984 **On-site lumber rack** May 1991

On-site vise July 1986

Other pipe clamp, The May 1996

Outboard-roller stand November 1985

Outlet/work-light combo March 2000

Overhead drilling May 1991 Overhead nail removal March 1995

Overhead outlet March 1985





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PADD alternative, The November 1989

Padded work pants July 1988

Paint caddy July 1987

Paint storage containers May 1994

Paint strainer November 1990

Paintbrush carrier July 1984 Paintbrush garage January 1999

Painted-trim prep March 1988

Paint-grade gap fillers November 1988

Painting a door bottom in place May 2001

Painting balusters January 1994

Painting bifold doors July 1995 Painting trays November 1988

Painting window sash January 1998

Paint-tray liners May 1989

Panel hook March 1982

Paper-tape mud dispenser July 1995

Patching a hardwood strip floor January 1991





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Patching a wood floor November 1997

Patching air hoses July 1994

Patching drywall September 1984

Patching holes in textured drywall January 2002

Patching plaster November 1981

Patching plaster July 1982 Patience and recycling January 1992

Pea-shooter, The May 1982

Peeling the wrapper off acrylic sheets September 1998

Pencil extension May 1991

Pencil holder July 1983

Pencil point March 1992 Pencil scribing May 1984

Perimeter insulation detail January 1988

Perpendicular toenailing September 1983

Perpetual paintbrushes September 1990

Persuading plank flooring May 1987

Picket gauge stick November 1988





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Pinning concrete forms to asphalt November 2000

Pinpoint stair-rail accuracy January 2000

Pipe-clamp cabinet jacks July 1997

Pipe-clamp drywall lift May 1992

Pipe-clamp hold-down March 1991

Pipe-soldering blast shield May 2000 **Pivot plates on carpet** November 1991

Planning for tile March 1992

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Production setup for deck railings January 1998

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Reluctant decking September 1981

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Removable screen floors November 1992 Remove paint from screws November 1988

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Removing broken plastic pipes July 1992

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Router-bit storage July 1998

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Sheathing cutouts November 1988 Sheathing walls solo May 1994

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Sheltered woodshed January 1987

Sherlock Ohms September 1992 Shim-shingle jig March 1990

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Shingles, dipped and clipped September 1997

Shingling from the top down May 1996 Shingling guide May 2001

Shoehorning a vanity top July 1991

Shop vac assists glue up September 2000

Shop vacs go big time March 2001

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Single-setup drawer boxes November 1992 Sink clips as clamping devices January 2001

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Site-built leaded windows July 1983

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Small-tool and materials storage July 1989 Smoking Out Air Currents March 1981

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Spliced debris chute March 1990

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Stabilizing plumb bobs July 1982

Stack painting January 1988

Stackable toolboxes March 2001 Staging plank supports January 1990

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Steam-bending on site July 1983

Steel-can storage boxes July 1994 Steel-stake sawhorse May 1995

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Timber moving September 1986 **Tiny pieces on a miter saw** May 1995

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Water counterbalance, A September 1990

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