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## Turning

### Stepping Up:

Easy  
Chuck 1" × 8 TPI with  
1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " Dovetail Jaws  
#154689 **\$399**

For projects other than spindles, serious turners consider four-jawed chucks a must-have accessory. EWT's Easy Chuck saves time and hassle when securing a blank and when changing jaws. The Zoom Ring works like the keyless chuck on your drill—twist to tighten, and then cinch it tight with the chuck key. Installing the jaws is just as simple: just snap them in place. (Unlike other geared chucks, the jaws fit into any position on the chuck's body.) The included 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " jaws are good for medium-sized vessels, bowls, and platters up to 8" in diameter. Additional jaws are sold separately.



### Starting Out:

Easy Start Rougher  
#154714, **\$59.99**  
Easy Start Finisher #154715 **\$59.99**  
Easy Start Detailer #158511 **\$59.99**

This three-piece set is a perfect starter-set for a new turner, especially one who found a new mini-lathe under the tree. Beginning turners appreciate the fact that carbide-tip tools don't require a learning curve. Unlike traditional tools that require you to "ride the bevel", the carbide cutters work simply by holding the tool flat on the rest and advancing it into the work. Also, the carbide tips don't require sharpening; simply rotate the cutter to expose a fresh edge. This three-piece set can handle most of the roughing, finishing, and detailing work that is ordinarily accomplished with a larger set of traditional turning tools.

# Straight Edge Guides



**Starting Out:** WR  
Back-to-Back Clamp  
Guide, #149194  
\$62.99

Woodworkers need an easy means to break sheetgoods down to size. Assuming that they already own a portable circular saw, this affordable guide can provide an easy and reliable way to get straight cuts. To use, lay the guide on the work, slide the tailpiece against the opposite edge of your stock, and flip the cam to lock the guide in place. In addition this straightedge can also serve as router guide when routing dados and grooves.



**Stepping Up:** Festool TS 75 EQ, #561438 \$695.00

If the woodworker on your list has been dreaming of a rail-guided saw system, now's the time to take the plunge. Festool's TS 55 REQ is much more than a standard circular saw. The saw features micro-adjustable depth controls, a flush side housing for making cuts about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from walls or adjacent surfaces, a bevel range from

$-1^\circ$  to  $47^\circ$ , and a blade site window. The tool also includes a retractable riving knife that prevents blade pinch, a pair of guards that eliminate splintering on either side of the blade, and electronic variable-speed control maintains a constant blade speed under load.

The 55"-long rail included with the saw makes breaking down

sheet goods a cinch. Simply lay the rail between two points to establish your cutline. The blade remains tangent to the edge of the guide even when angled to make bevel cuts.