

Everything you could mask for

Over the last year, the general public has learned what woodworkers always knew: No matter how well a mask works, you won't wear one unless it's comfortable.

I've used Dust Bee Gone's nuisance dust mask for years and appreciate its features even more post-pandemic. The polyester monofilament filter is lightweight, breathable, and easy to talk through. While it's not NIOSH rated and doesn't filter fumes, this mask does block particulates down to 3 microns, making it suitable for general woodworking. It is also effective against pollen and mold, so I find myself grabbing it for yard work and home repairs too.

Two ¾" wide adjustable elastic straps secure the mask around the back of the head. The upper strap slides to adjust, while the bottom employs a hook and-loop closure. Over the nose, a bendable wire creates a close fit, preventing foggy glasses. It's easy to fit, comfortable to wear, and stays put.

Because the filter is water-safe, the Dust Bee Gone mask can be worn wet to promote cooling. Clean it by swishing it in soapy water, then twirl it like a lasso to dry. It's also bleach-safe for more thorough cleanings, just be sure to rinse well afterwards.

The Dust Bee Gone comes in multiple sizes, from youth to extra-large adults, each color-coded for easy identification.

—Derek Richmond



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Fast cutting and versatile

I do a lot of hand shaping on the pieces I build—rounding corners, fairing transitions, and so on. To aid in this work, I recently picked up two half-round rasps from Kutzall—an 8" coarse and a 6" fine—to add to my collection of abrasive cutters. These tungsten-carbide-coated tools that cut on both the push and pull stroke soon became my go-to shapers. The coarse version cuts quickly with its aggressive grit and the fine version quickly leaves a refined surface, ready for sandpaper. Neither loads up rapidly, but when they do, you can burn away wood residue with a small torch or scrub it out with a wire brush. These rasps are not recommended for metal, but can cut nearly anything else—soft stone, fiberglass, plaster, and more. As with metal files and rasps, these tools aren't easily sharpened, but the tough carbide coating should last a long time. The comfortable plastic-covered handles make them easy to control and a joy to use. Flat and warding (tapered along its width) profiles are also available, but I prefer the half-round because one



Kutzall Half-Round Rasps

8" coarse #422306, \$49.99
6" fine #422303, \$44.99

tool works on both convex and concave surfaces, and the narrow edge allows access into tight spaces. If the work coming out of your shop requires much shaping by hand, you'll appreciate what these well-made rasps can do.

—Ken Burton

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Get to the point

Most folks say “you get what you pay for” when discussing pricey items like hand and power tools. But this universal idiom also applies to the humble pencil. Typical #2 pencils emblazoned with an office supply store logo are sometimes bowed, with broken lead inside, making them difficult to sharpen. But Ticonderoga pencils are consistently straight and sturdy. The premium graphite inside is more durable and can be sharpened to a very fine point when necessary for accurate layout. I’ve found the black-bodied pencils easier to spot than Ticonderoga’s traditional yellow among the dust and shavings in my shop.

While you’re at the office supply store, pick up a Mars eraser by Staedtler. This soft plastic eraser does its job without smearing, leaving behind a bunch of rubbery



Ticonderoga pencils
Available at office supply stores for a few bucks.

bits, or crumbling during use. Staedtler also makes decent inexpensive pencil sharpeners. You may feel like you’re stocking up for a standardized test, but really you’re outfitting your shop with essential layout tools. ■

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