

UNIT 2

Tools & Equipment

In this Unit:

Chapter 4 Hand Tools

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Hands-On Math Project Preview

Starting Your Own Carpentry Business

After completing this unit, you will research the cost of the tools and equipment you will need to start your own carpentry business. You will also research terms and interest rates for small-business loans and determine the monthly payment, including interest, for a loan to start your business.

Project Checklist

As you read the chapters in this unit, use this checklist to prepare for the unit project:

- ✓ List the tools and equipment that every carpenter needs.
- ✓ Identify the skills that an independent contractor needs to be successful.
- ✓ Think about ways high-quality tools and equipment can save time and money, and help the environment.

➔ Go to glencoe.com for this book's OLC. Find the WebQuest activity for Unit 2 called "Making a Business Plan."



Construction Careers Construction & Building Inspector


Profile A construction and building inspector examines houses, buildings, streets, water systems, and other structures. The inspector ensures that construction, remodeling, or repair complies with building codes and other regulations.

Academic Skills and Abilities

- algebra
- verbal and written communication skills
- interpersonal skills
- geometry
- drafting
- blueprint reading

Career Path

- on-the-job training
- certificate or associate's degree in building inspection technology
- community college courses
- bachelor's degree in engineering or architecture
- apprenticeship programs
- certification

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Explore the Photo

Tools for the Job Selecting the appropriate tool is vital to completing any job with accuracy and efficiency.

What features of this tool might help the carpenter work efficiently?

Hand Tools

Section 4.1

Measuring & Layout Tools

Section 4.2

Cutting & Shaping Tools

Section 4.3

Tools for Assembling & Disassembling

Chapter Objectives

After completing this chapter, you will be able to:

- **Identify** hand tools used for measuring and layout.
- **Identify** hand tools used for cutting and shaping.
- **Identify** hand tools used for assembling and disassembling.
- **Explain** what various hand tools are used for.
- **Describe** common mathematical problems carpenters solve using hand tools.

Discuss the Photo

High-Quality Tools Most professionals recommend purchasing tools of the highest quality you can afford. *What characteristics do you think a good tool should have?*



Writing Activity: Create a Description

A description is a group of words that gives a mental picture of something. Select a common carpentry tool. Write three to five sentences describing the tool. Include details such as the shape, color, and size of the tool. Share your description with another person to see if he or she can identify the tool that you have described.

Chapter 4 Reading Guide



Before You Read Preview

Scan the chapter and pick out a picture of a tool you find. Brainstorm what tasks you think that tool is used for. When you find the tool in the text, check to see if your definition is correct. Change your definition as needed.

Content Vocabulary

- square
- level
- wrench
- pliers

Academic Vocabulary

You will find these words in your reading and on your tests. Use the academic vocabulary glossary to look up their definitions if necessary.

- angles
- adjacent
- arc
- horizontal
- vertical

Graphic Organizer

As you read, use a chart like the one shown to organize information about hand tools, adding rows as needed.

Type of Tool	Used for...

Go to glencoe.com for this book's OLC for a downloadable version of this graphic organizer.

Academic Standards



Mathematics

Number and Operation: Understand numbers, ways of representing numbers, relationship among numbers, and number systems (NCTM)

Number and Operations: Compute fluently and make reasonable estimates (NCTM)

Geometry: Analyze characteristics and properties of two- and three-dimensional geometric shapes and develop mathematical arguments about geometric relationships (NCTM)



English Language Arts

Use information resources to gather information and create and communicate knowledge (NCTE 8)



Science

Science and Technology: Abilities of technological design (NSES)

Science and Technology: Understandings about science and technology (NSES)

Physical Science: Motions and forces (NSES)

Industry Standards

Hand Tools

NCTE National Council of Teachers of English
NCTM National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

NSES National Science Education Standards

Measuring & Layout Tools

Tape Measures, Rules, & Other Tools

What are some common measuring tools?

A variety of hand tools is necessary for building a house, so a good selection of tools is essential. Some tools, such as a steel tape measure, are used in all building trades. Others are used primarily within one trade. For example, a framing square is used most often by carpenters. A **square** is a tool that is used primarily to measure or check angles.

Tools and Tasks

Members of all trades must measure, mark, and lay out projects many times a day. Carpenters must determine the correct **angles** and cuts for rafters. Plumbers must cut and assemble pipes to provide proper drainage.

Tool Safety

Before using any measuring and layout tools, review the safety material in Chapter 3.



Figure 4-1
Layout Tape Measure

Layout Tape Measure A steel or fiberglass tape in a rust-resistant case with a reel-in crank. Comes in lengths of 50', 100', and 200'. In situations that require greater accuracy, some prefer to use a steel tape. Steel tape does not display the stretch under tension that occurs in a fiberglass tape. It is used for:

- Laying out foundations.
- Locating site features, such as walkways and driveways.



Figure 4-2
Steel Tape Measure

Steel Tape Measure A steel tape with a sliding hook on the end is accurate whether it is used for inside measurements or outside measurements. The case has a belt clip and a tape-locking button. Comes in various widths and in lengths from 6' to 33'. The tape most commonly used by carpenters is 25'. The wider the tape, the better it is at measuring long lengths unsupported. It is used for:

- Performing general measuring tasks.
- Making accurate inside measurements. The measurement is read by adding a specified amount to the reading on the tape. This amount is the length of the case.

Chalk Line A chalk line is powdered chalk and a reel of string in a steel or plastic case. A hook is used to secure one end of the string. It is used for:

- Quickly creating a straight layout or cutting line over long lengths, as on panel products.
- Indicating the position of walls on a subfloor.



 **Figure 4-3 Chalk Line**

Folding Rule A rigid wood rule, 6' or 8' long, that folds into a compact size. A metal slide in one end can be used for measuring depth. Uses:

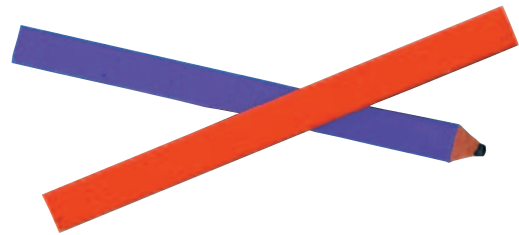
- Making inside measurements and measuring the depth of a mortise or channel.
- Measuring plumbing runs.



 **Figure 4-4 Folding Rule**

Carpenter's Pencil A sturdy, thick pencil with a wood casing. The thick lead resists breakage and can be sharpened with a utility knife. Uses:

- All-purpose marking and layout where great precision is not necessary.



 **Figure 4-5 Carpenter's Pencil**



 **Figure 4-6 Try Square**

Try Square A fixed-blade square with a metal blade and a wood, plastic, or metal handle. The blade may be graduated in inches and is positioned at 90° to the handle. Uses:

- Checking **adjacent** surfaces for *squareness*.
- Making layout lines across the face or edge of stock.

Builder's Tip

CARING FOR TOOLS Good tools require proper care. Keep them in a toolbox when you are not using them. Do not leave tools outdoors in wet or damp weather. Inspect hand tools regularly for signs of wear or damage. Keep cutting edges sharp. If a worn or damaged tool cannot be repaired, replace it.

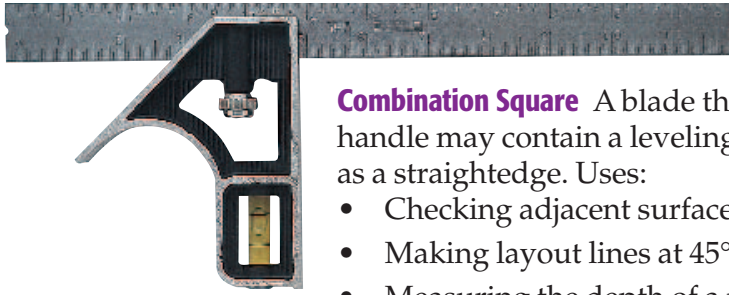


Figure 4-7 Combination Square

Combination Square A blade that slides along its handle or head. The handle may contain a leveling vial. The removable blade can be used as a straightedge. Uses:

- Checking adjacent surfaces for a correct angle of 45° or 90°.
- Making layout lines at 45° and 90° across the face or edge of stock.
- Measuring the depth of a mortise or channel.
- Roughly leveling or plumbing a surface.

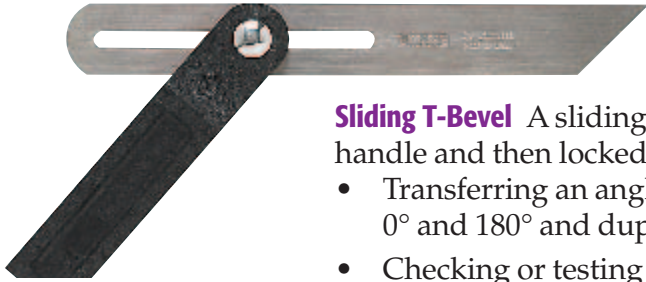


Figure 4-8 Sliding T-Bevel

Sliding T-Bevel A sliding metal blade that can be set at an angle to the handle and then locked into place. Uses:

- Transferring an angle, which means measuring an angle between 0° and 180° and duplicating it somewhere else.
- Checking or testing a miter cut at other than 45°.

Framing Square Sometimes called a carpenter's square. A large metal square consisting of a blade, or body, and a tongue. Identical in general appearance is the rafter square, which has tables printed on it that contain the solutions to various rafter layout problems. Uses:

- Checking for squareness.
- Using as a *straightedge*.
- Determining angle cuts on rafters and stair parts.

Figure 4-9 Framing Square



Figure 4-10 Dividers/Compass

Dividers/Compass A measuring tool with two metal legs. On some, one leg can be removed and replaced with a pencil, forming a compass (shown here). Uses:

- *Stepping off* measurements.
- Laying out an **arc** or circle.
- *Scribing* (fitting) a part such as a countertop to a surface such as a wall that may not be perfectly straight.

Mathematics: Geometry

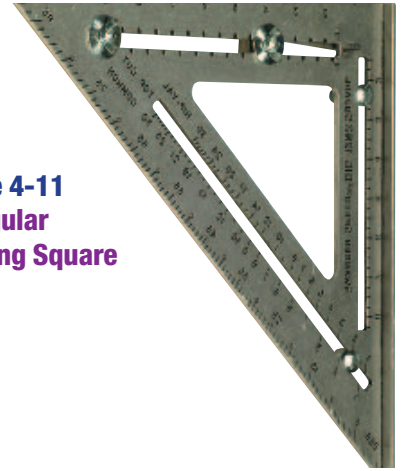
Right Angles An angle is a figure created by two lines that meet at a common endpoint, or vertex. Angles are measured in degrees. A *right angle* is formed when two lines are perpendicular to one another. A right angle can also be defined as one quarter of a circle. How many degrees are in right angle?

Starting Hint A full circle has 360 degrees. 1 degree is $\frac{1}{360}$ th of a full circle.

Triangular Framing Square A square marked with degrees for fast layouts. It also typically has marks to indicate plumb cuts for both common and hip/valley rafters. Its small size makes it easy to keep in a tool pouch. It is more durable than a standard framing square. Uses:

- Performing the functions of a framing square.
- Guiding power saws during crosscutting.

➤ **Figure 4-11**
Triangular Framing Square



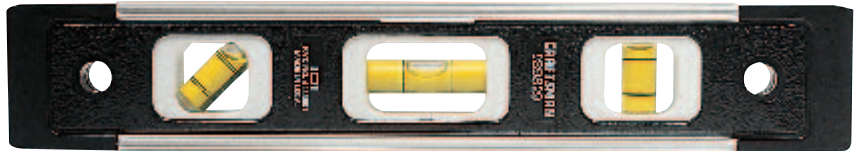
➤ **Figure 4-12**
Carpenter's Level



Carpenter's Level A **level** is a long wood, metal, or fiberglass instrument with several glass leveling vials that measures the levelness or plumbness of a surface. Typical lengths are 24", 48", 72", and 96", with 48" being the most common. It is sometimes called a spirit level (after the liquid inside the vials). Uses:

- Determining whether or not a surface is level (**horizontal**) or plumb (**vertical**).

➤ **Figure 4-13**
Torpedo Level



Torpedo Level A small spirit level approximately 9" long. It has leveling vials for plumb, level, and 45° angles. Sometimes called a pocket level. Uses:

- Leveling or plumbing small surfaces, such as pipes, or surfaces that are difficult to reach.



Laser Level A laser level uses a highly focused beam of light to project a straight, level line across a surface or through the air. An internal device levels the beam automatically. Laser levels come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some models can be used to establish plumb lines. Uses:

- Establishing a level line across long distances or on intersecting walls.
- Installing shelving.
- Transferring layout marks from floor to ceiling.


⬅ **Figure 4-14** **Laser Level**

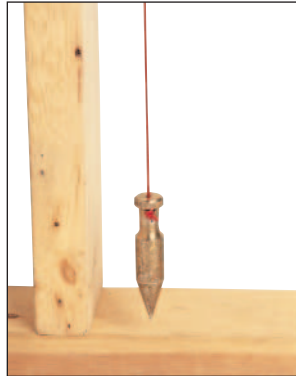
Scratch Awl A pointed metal marking tool. Uses:

- Scribing a line accurately, particularly on metal.
- Starting a hole before drilling into wood.
- As an anchoring pin for chalk or masons' lines.



 **Figure 4-15 Scratch Awl**

 **Figure 4-16 Plumb Bob and String Line**



Plumb Bob and String Line A metal weight with a pointed tip. The tip may be replaced if damaged. The top of the weight has a hole for attaching the string line. Uses:

- Locating the corners of buildings during foundation layout.
- Establishing a true vertical line.



 **Figure 4-17 Construction Calculator**

Construction Calculator A portable calculator that computes measurements directly in feet and inches. Uses:

- Calculating volumes and areas.
- Converting decimals to fractions.
- Solving various roof framing layout problems.
- Solving stairway rise/run per step equations.


Section 4.1 Assessment

After You Read: Self-Check

1. What is a layout tape measure used for?
2. What tool can be used to indicate the position of walls on a subfloor?
3. Which type of square can be used to check 45° angles?
4. Which tool would you use to scribe a line on metal?

Academic Integration: Science

5. **Exploring Gravity** Carpenters use a plumb bob to determine if walls, doors, and other structural elements are vertical. A simple plumb bob is a weight that hangs at the end of a string. The gravity of the Earth pulls the plumb bob toward the center of the earth and the string represents a vertical line. *Gravity* is a force that draws objects toward one another. Use a plumb bob to test articles in your classroom to determine if they are truly vertical.

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Precision Cutting & Shaping


What tasks are suitable for handsaws?

A wide variety of saws is available for use in construction. A handsaw can be useful for many sawing tasks, even though power saws are best for many jobs. Cutting, shaping, and drilling tools remove small chips from the workpiece. This makes a high degree of precision possible.

Tool Safety

Before using any cutting and shaping tools, review the safety material in Chapter 3 for hand tools on page 90.



 **Figure 4-18**
Utility Drywall
Saw

Utility Drywall Saw A slender saw with a pointed tip, a stiff blade, and large, sharp teeth. The blade can be pushed through the drywall surface and does not need an access hole. Uses:

- Making internal cuts in drywall
- Cutting drywall to irregular shapes.



 **Figure 4-19** **Backsaw**

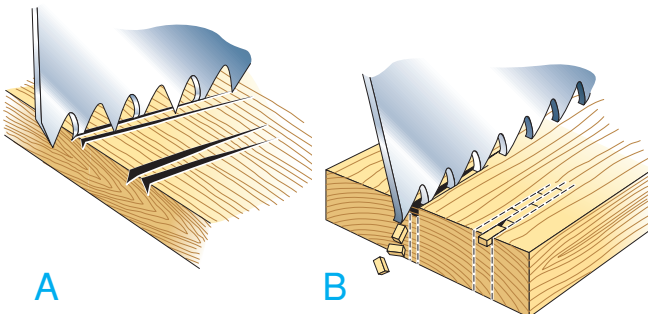
Backsaw A fine-tooth crosscut saw with a heavy metal band across the back that strengthens the blade. A long model (24" to 28") is called a miter box saw. Uses:

- Making fine crosscuts trim. Often used in a miter box.
- Cutting miters in molding.

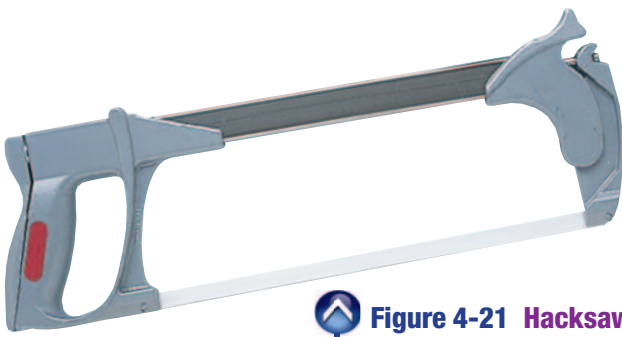


Handsaw A saw with a wide blade in lengths from 20" to 28". The teeth on crosscut models (A) cut across the grain. Rip models (B) cut with the grain. These cuts are shown above. Uses:

- Crosscutting and rip cutting wood.
- Completing cuts made by power saws.



 **Figure 4-20** **Handsaw**



 **Figure 4-21 Hacksaw**


Hacksaw A saw with a U-shaped steel frame fitted with replaceable metal-cutting blades. Standard and high-tension models are available. Uses:

- Cutting all types of metal fasteners and hardware.
- Cutting plastic.

Keyhole Saw A saw with a narrow 10" replaceable blade with fine teeth. The blade tapers to a sharp point. A compass saw is similar but has slightly bigger teeth and a longer blade. Uses:

- Cutting curves.
- Enlarging holes.



 **Figure 4-22 Keyhole Saw**

Pull Saw A pull saw is used primarily for wood. It has teeth that are angled toward the handle so that they cut on the pull stroke. It is sometimes called a Japanese saw. The blade is unusually thin and the teeth have no set (deviation from a straight line).

Uses:

- Cutting overhead, where use of a heavier saw would be tiring.
- Making fine cuts, as when mitering trim or cutting dovetails.
- Cutting the base of door jambs when laying finish flooring.



 **Figure 4-23 Pull Saw**

Coping Saw A saw with a U-shaped frame having a deep throat. The replaceable $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide blade with tiny teeth can be rotated to cut at various angles. Uses:

- Cutting curves in wood molding and trim.
- Shaping the end of molding for joints.
- Cutting scroll work.



 **Figure 4-24 Coping Saw**

Dovetail Saw This type of saw is similar to a backsaw, but the blade is narrower and thinner, and has very fine teeth. Uses:

- Making short, straight cuts of superior smoothness and accuracy.
- Cutting dovetails and other joints.



 **Figure 4-25 Dovetail Saw**

Block Plane A small (about 6" long) plane with a blade that cuts bevel-side up. Standard models have a blade angled 20° to the sole (bottom). Low-angle models are angled at about 12°. Uses:

- Planing end grain.
- Fitting doors.
- Beveling an edge.

Figure 4-26
Block Plane



Figure 4-27
Jack Plane

Jack Plane A 12" to 15" long plane with a blade that cuts bevel-side down. It is also called a *jointer plane*. Although there are no absolute definitions, a jack (or "#5") plane is typically 12" to 15" long. The jointer plane is longer, at 20" to 24". Both have blades that cut bevel side down. Uses:

- Smoothing and flattening edges for making a close-fitting joint.
- Planing long workpieces, such as the edges of doors.

Figure 4-28 Wood Chisel



Wood Chisel A wood chisel has a steel blade sharpened to a fine edge at one end, with a wood or plastic handle at the other. Many blade types and shapes are available. A standard set of chisels usually includes blade widths from ¼" to 1½". Uses:

- Trimming and shaping wood.
- Clearing mortises.



Figure 4-29 Cold Chisel

Cold Chisel A tool-steel chisel with a hardened and tempered edge for cutting metal. The angle of the beveled cutting edge is about 60°. Uses:

- Cutting off a rivet or nail.
- Getting a tight or rusted nut started.

Figure 4-30 Wood Rasp



Wood Rasp A wood rasp is similar to a metal file but has raised teeth. On some models, the teeth are located on a replaceable, thin metal plate that is attached to the handle. In others, the teeth and handle are formed from a solid piece. Uses:

- Rounding corners and edges.
- Quickly removing stock where a smooth edge is not required.

Metal File A solid metal bar with patterned cutting ridges formed in one or more surfaces and edges. Single-cut and double-cut models are most common. Uses:


- Sharpening tools.
- Smoothing the edges of metal products and rounding metal corners.
- Trimming the edges of plastic laminate.




 **Figure 4-31 Metal File**



 **Figure 4-32 Utility Knife**

 **JOB SAFETY**

SHARPER IS SAFER Be sure to keep the edge on cutting tools sharp. This makes the tool safer as well as more satisfying to use. Protect sharp edges with a plastic sheath where possible.

 Go to glencoe.com for this book's OLC for more on job safety.

Utility Knife An all-purpose knife with extremely sharp, replaceable blades. On some models, the blade is retractable. Uses:

- Cutting roof shingles, tar paper, batt insulation, wood veneer, and many other materials.
- Cutting carpeting when a hooked blade is attached.
- Sharpening a carpenter's pencil.

Section 4.2 Assessment

After You Read: Self-Check

1. What is the difference in cutting action between a block plane and a jointer plane?
2. How does a wood rasp differ from a file?
3. What is a utility knife used to cut?
4. What material is cut using a hooked blade on a utility knife?

Academic Integration: Mathematics

5. **Fractions** A carpenter is using a plane to trim the edge of an antique door from $33\frac{7}{8}$ inches to $33\frac{3}{4}$ inches. How much material should the carpenter remove?

Math Concept Fractions are a way of expressing an equal number of parts of an object. Fractions have two parts: the *numerator*, which gives the number of parts, and the *denominator*, which is the number of parts in a whole. To add or subtract fractions with different denominators, convert them to fractions with the same denominators. Then add or subtract their numerators to get your answer.

Step 1: Look at the two denominators and find the least common denominator (LCD). Since 4 divides evenly into 8, the LCD is 8.

Step 2: Convert $\frac{3}{4}$ to an equivalent fraction with 8 as the denominator by multiplying both the numerator and the denominator by 2: $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$

Step 3: Subtract the numerators: $\frac{7}{8} - \frac{6}{8} = ?$

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Tools for Assembling & Disassembling

Clamps, Hammers, & Other Tools

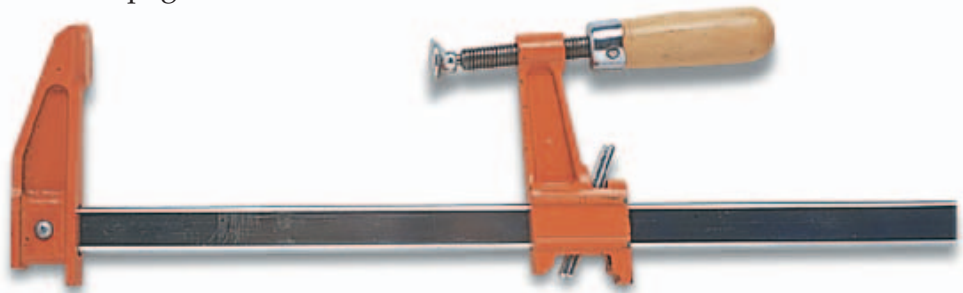
What safety precaution might be necessary for these types of tools?

Clamps and hammers can be used to assemble objects and fasten things together. Other tools, such as pry bars, can help to take things apart.

Tool Safety

Before using any assembling and disassembling tools, review the safety material in Chapter 3 for hand tools on page 90.

➤ **Figure 4-33**
Bar Clamp



Bar Clamp A clamp with a stationary head, a sliding tailstop, and an adjustable screw assembly, all mounted on a flat bar. When a pipe is used instead of a bar, the tool is called a pipe clamp. Its length ranges from 16" to 5' or more. Uses:

- Holding materials together as they are being glued.
- Compressing materials temporarily.
- Assembling cabinetry.



➤ **Figure 4-33**
One-Handed Bar Clamp

Builder's Tip



USING CLAMPS Because clamps are often used to hold materials being glued, glue can build up on their surfaces. To prevent this, apply a coat of paste wax to the bars of the clamp. The wax will also help prevent rust.

One-Handed Bar Clamp A type of bar clamp with a trigger-handle tailstop that allows quick, one-handed adjustments. Uses:

- Securing wood that is being cut with a power saw.
- Clamping for general light-duty needs.



Figure 4-35 Claw Hammer

Claw Hammer A hammer with a curved claw. Heads weigh from 8 to 20 oz. A 16 oz. head is suitable for general construction. An 8 oz. head is a good finishing hammer. The face is slightly crowned, with beveled edges. Handles may be of hickory, steel, or fiberglass. Uses:

- Driving nails.
- Removing nails.

Figure 4-36 Rip Hammer

Rip Hammer Also called a straight-claw hammer, a rip hammer has a wedge-shaped claw. Heads weigh from 13 to 25 oz. The handle may be made of hickory, steel, or fiberglass. Models used by framing carpenters have longer handles and checkered faces to reduce the chance of glancing blows and flying nails. Uses:

- Driving and removing nails.
- Prying apart pieces that have been nailed together.

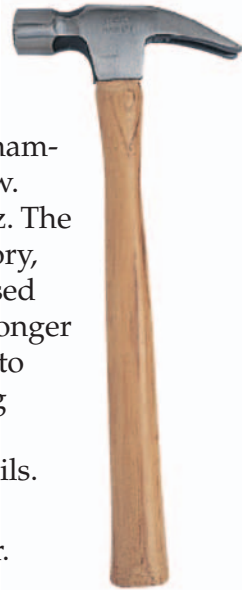


Figure 4-37 Warrington Hammer

Warrington Hammer A hammer with a flattened *peen* instead of a claw. Heads weigh from 3½ to 10 oz. Uses:

- Driving finishing nails into molding and trim.
- Starting brads.



Figure 4-38 Hand Sledge

Hand Sledge A hammer with a two-faced head weighing between 2 and 4 lbs. It has a wood or steel handle. Also called a hand drilling hammer. Uses:

- Striking steel tools such as cold chisels, brick chisels, and punches.
- Driving stakes during site layout.



Figure 4-39 Mallet

Mallet A hammerlike tool with two separate faces that may be rubber or plastic. A traditional mallet has a wood head. Uses:

- Striking blows where steel hammers would mar or damage the surface, as when assembling wood joints or driving wood pegs.
- Striking other tools, such as chisels, where a metal-headed hammer may damage the tool being struck.





Figure 4-40 Ripping Bar

Ripping Bar A bar with flat claws at each end. Available in lengths up to 8'. A 3' bar is suited for general use. Uses:

- Pulling large nails and spikes.
- Prying off old materials during renovation.
- Demolishing built work.



Figure 4-41 Cat's Paw

Cat's Paw A small pry bar/nail puller with a head that is aggressively scooped and is at a 90° degree angle to the handle. A hammer is used to drive the head (jaws) down into the wood to extract deeply imbedded nails.



Figure 4-42 Pry Bar

Pry Bar A steel bar 6" to 14" long, with a nail-removing claw at one or both ends. Some models have a wide, flattened end for prying molding from a wall. Uses:

- Prying nailed lumber and trim apart.
- Pulling nails.



Figure 4-43 Nail Set

Nail Set A steel shank 4" long with a concave tip, a knurled body, and a square striking surface. Comes in a set of four that are sized from $\frac{1}{32}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " at the tip of each shank. Use:

- Driving finishing nails below the surface of wood. Nail holes can then be filled.



Figure 4-44 Screwdrivers

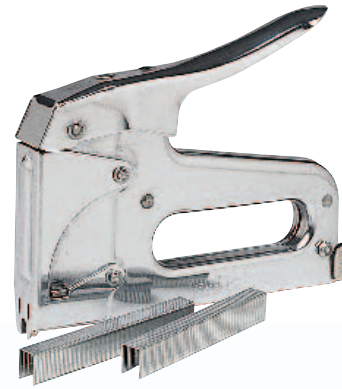
Screwdrivers A screwdriver is a steel shank of various lengths with a wood or plastic handle and a tip formed to fit a particular type of screw. A standard slotted head widens from tip to shank. A cabinet-slotted head has a uniform width to reach recessed screws. A Phillips head has the shape of an X at the tip to reduce slippage. Square-drive and Torx heads also prevent slippage. Uses:

- Driving and removing screws.

Stapler A heavy-duty stapler with a spring driven plunger that drives up to $\frac{9}{16}$ " staples. Uses:

- Attaching ceiling tile, screening, and other soft or thin materials.

 **Figure 4-45 Stapler**



Hammer Tacker A slender stapler with a handle at one end. It is used with a striking motion to quickly drive staples. Used for light-duty, high-volume fastening. Uses:

- Attaching insulation.
- Attaching roofing felt.
- Installing building paper.



 **Figure 4-46 Hammer Tacker**

Wrenches

A **wrench** is a hand tool designed for turning a fastener, such as a bolt or a nut.



 **Figure 4-47 Adjustable Wrench**

Adjustable Wrench A steel tool with one adjustable jaw. This wrench exerts its greatest strength when hand pressure is applied to the side with the fixed jaw. Uses:

- Turning nuts and bolts where there is plenty of clearance.



 **Figure 4-48 Open-End Wrench**

Open-End Wrench A nonadjustable wrench with accurately machined openings on either end. For a variety of tasks, a complete set is needed. Sets are available in metric and standard sizes. Uses:

- Turning nuts and bolts in difficult-to-reach areas.



 **Figure 4-49 Box Wrench**

Box Wrench A metal wrench with two enclosed ends. Heads are offset from 15° to 45°. It is available in metric and standard sizes. Uses:

- Making adjustments where there is limited space for movement.
- Turning nuts and bolts when a secure grip is essential.

 **Figure 4-50 Socket Wrench Set**



Socket Wrench Set A series of metal sockets that fit onto a handle containing a *ratcheting* mechanism. Sets come in metric and standard sizes. A basic set contains ten sockets, a ratcheting handle, and a non-ratcheting handle. Uses:

- Installing and removing nuts, bolts, and lag screws quickly.

Locking Pliers An all-purpose tool with double-lever action that locks the jaws to clamp a workpiece.

Uses:

- Substitutes for a vise, clamp, pipe wrench, fixed wrench, or adjustable wrench.



 **Figure 4-51 Locking Pliers**



 **Figure 4-52 Pipe Wrench**

Pipe Wrench A pipe wrench has hardened, cut teeth on the jaws. The jaws tighten as the wrench is turned. Uses:

- Tightening or removing pipes. It should not be used on nuts or bolts.



 **Figure 4-53 Allen Wrench**

Allen Wrench A hexagonal steel bar with a bent end. Either end fits the hexagonal recess in the top of some screws. Sometimes called a hex key. Uses:

- Tightening and loosening set screws, some of which secure pulleys and wheels on power tools and equipment.

Pliers

Pliers are a hand tools with opposing jaws that are designed to hold things. They should not be used to turn nuts or bolts because they can damage them. Use a wrench instead.



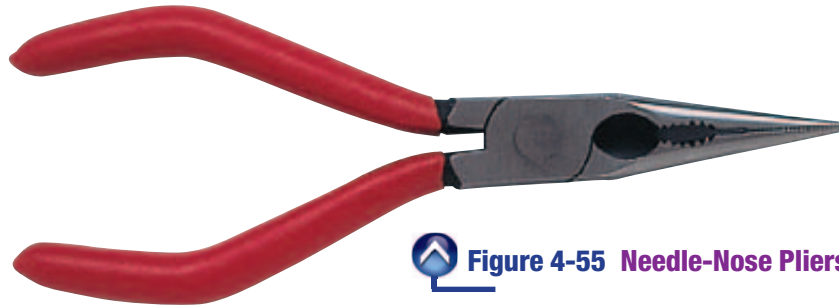
Slip-Joint Pliers An all-purpose adjustable tool for light-duty gripping. Uses:

- Holding and turning round pieces other than nuts or the heads of bolts.

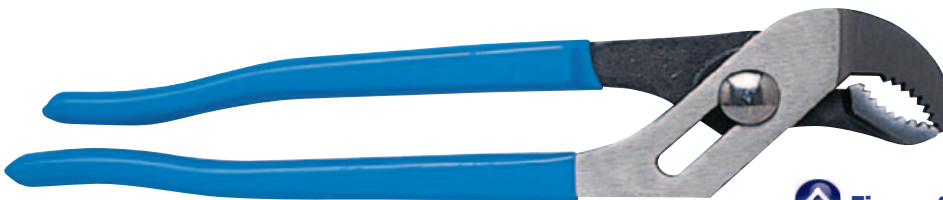
 **Figure 4-54 Slip-Joint Pliers**

Needle-Nose Pliers Pliers with a long, thin nose and cutting edges near the joint. Uses:

- Holding and bending thin wire and metal fittings.
- Cutting light-gauge electrical wire.



 **Figure 4-55 Needle-Nose Pliers**

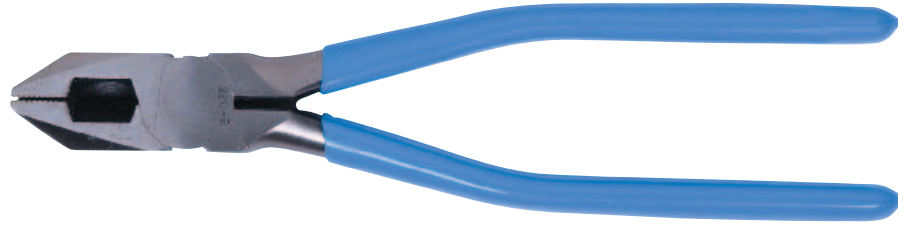


 **Figure 4-56 Groove-Joint Pliers**

Groove-Joint Pliers Large pliers with a slip joint that can be set more than two positions. Sometimes called box-joint pliers or waterpump pliers. Uses:

- Holding and turning large, round parts.
- General gripping and turning.

 **Figure 4-57**
Lineman's Pliers



Lineman's Pliers Pliers with stout, flattened jaws and long, slightly curved handles. Cutting edges are formed into one side of the jaws. Sometimes called side cutters. Uses:

- Cutting electrical and other wire.
- Twisting and grasping wire.

Metal Snips Tool with scissors-like handles for cutting metal. Metal snips are sometimes called tin snips. Those with straight blades are primarily used for making straight cuts. Duckbill blades on some models can make curved or straight cuts. Compound-action snips (sometimes called aviation snips) can cut thicker stock. Uses:

- Cutting *light-gauge* metal sheet stock and ducts.

 **Figure 4-58** **Metal Snips**

Section 4.3 Assessment


After You Read: Self-Check

1. Which is the heaviest hammer described in this section?
2. Which tools are used for pulling nails?
3. Which general type of tool should be used to turn nuts or bolts?
4. What other terms are used for metal snips?

Academic Integration: Science

5. **Simple Machines** A *simple machine* is a machine that has no moving parts or few moving parts. A small amount of force is used to apply a greater force or to move a heavier weight. Simple machines can help make work easier, but they do not decrease the amount of work done. A lever is a simple machine made up of a stiff bar and a pivot point, called a *fulcrum*. By applying force to one side of the fulcrum, you increase the force on the other side and can lift heavier objects. Which tools in this section are levers? Explain.

Starting Hint A claw hammer functions as a lever when removing nails.

 Go to glencoe.com for this book's OLC to check your answers.

Review and Assessment

Section

4.1

Chapter Summary

Workers in all construction trades need to measure, mark, and lay out projects. They need a variety of tools for measuring and layout. These include tape measures and folding rules; squares and sliding T-bevels for angular measurements; levels and plumb bobs for straight lines; and chalk lines, carpenter's pencils, and scratch awls for marking.

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Hand tools used for cutting and shaping can help workers achieve a high level of precision. These types of tools include utility drywall saws, backsaws, handsaws, hacksaws, keyhole saws, pull saws, coping saws, dovetail saws, block planes, jointer planes, wood chisels, cold chisels, wood rasps, metal files, and utility knives.

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4.3

Assembly, fastening, and disassembly tools help put things together and take them apart. These types of tools include clamps, hammers, mallets, bars, nail sets, screwdrivers, staplers, and tackers; wrenches such as adjustable, open-end, box, pipe, and Allen; different types of pliers such as slip joint, needle-nose, groove-joint, and lineman's pliers; and metal snips.

Review Content Vocabulary and Academic Vocabulary

- Use each of these content vocabulary and academic vocabulary words in a sentence or diagram.

Content Vocabulary

- square (p. 108)
- level (p. 111)
- wrench (p. 120)
- pliers (p. 122)

Academic Vocabulary

- angles (p. 108)
- adjacent (p. 109)
- arc (p. 110)
- horizontal (p. 111)
- vertical (p. 111)

Speak Like a Pro

Technical Terms

- Work with a classmate to define the following terms used in the chapter: *squareness* (p. 109), *straightedge* (p. 110), *stepping off* (p. 110), *scribing* (p. 110), *jointer plane* (p. 115), *peen* (p. 118), *knurled* (p. 119), *ratcheting* (p. 121), *light-gauge* (p. 123).

Review Key Concepts

- Describe** three hand tools that are used for measuring and layout.
- Explain** how a saw and a plane are used to cut and shape wood.
- Demonstrate** how one tool can be used for both assembling and disassembling.
- Summarize** the uses of a try square, coping saw, and a mallet.
- Explain** which tools carpenters can use to calculate angles.

Critical Thinking

- Analyze** Why are hand tools preferred for some carpentry tasks?
- Apply** In what situation might a carpenter find a one-handed bar clamp more useful than a bar clamp?

Academic and Workplace Applications

STEM Science

- Work** In physics, *work* is defined as force multiplied by distance ($W = fd$). You are doing work when you use a force (a push or a pull) to cause something to move. When calculating work, force, or distance, use *meters* as the unit of distance. Work is measured in units called *joules*; force is measured in units called *Newtons*.

If you apply a force of 1N to a push a nail 2 centimeters into a piece of wood, what is the amount of work being done?

Step 1: Convert centimeters to meters.
(2 centimeters = 0.02 meters)

Step 2: Multiply the force (1) by the distance (0.02) to find the amount of work done.

STEM Mathematics

- Diameter and Circumference** A carpenter used a compass to draw a circle on a piece of drywall that has a diameter of 5 inches. What is the circumference of the circle?

Math Concept The *diameter* of a circle is the distance from one side of the circle to the other. The distance around a circle is called the *circumference*. Use a math calculator or construction calculator to find the circumference using the formula

$$C = d\pi$$

where C is the circumference and d is the diameter. If you do not have a calculator, use 3.14 in place of π .

21st Century Skills

- Creativity and Innovation** Choose three tools that you have read about in this chapter that are new to you or that interest you. Create an informational poster that includes a picture of each tool, a description of each tool, and the uses of each tool. You can draw the tool, copy a drawing, or cut out a picture from an advertisement.

Standardized TEST Practice



Multiple Choice

Directions Write down the letter next to the correct answer for each question.

- Which type of saw is used for crosscutting and rip cutting wood?
 - keyhole saw
 - hacksaw
 - handsaw
 - none of the above
- What is a name for a nonadjustable wrench with accurately machined openings on either end?
 - tire wrench
 - open-end wrench
 - box wrench
 - all of the above
- What is the removable blade of a combination square used for?
 - roughly leveling or plumbing a surface
 - checking adjacent surfaces for the correct angle of 45° and 90°
 - making layout lines at 45° and 90° across the face or edge of stock
 - all of the above

TEST-TAKING TIP

In some multiple-choice tests, more than one answer may be possible. Read through all of the choices. Check for answers such as "all of the above" or "none of the above" before deciding on an answer.

*These questions will help you practice for national certification assessment.