

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Ramblings

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers. First things first, Happy Veterans Day, Thank You to all that served so we can enjoy our freedoms. How was the Oktoberfest? Do we want to add this as a yearly event? Jon Robbins did a fantastic job putting this all together but someone else will have to chair and cook for this event if it is to continue in the future.

Julie and I have been scrambling to put the final touches on our toys for the Toy Program. Jon has challenged all of us to step up our finishing with that extra touch. "If it is not good enough for your child or grandchildren then it is NOT good enough to donate." So let us all pick up on the quality of our toys! For those of us that go to MASW the new catalog is on line now.

Reminder our **November** meeting will be on the **18th**, one week earlier than normal.

At the October meeting we held the nominations for the 2022 officers. Nominations are still open, and nominees can still be added before the vote is taken.

The nominees are as follows:

PRESIDENT – KEVIN STURGEON

VICE PRESIDENT – JON ROBBINS

TREASURER – RON BENSON

SECRETARY - JOHN HUNTER

The club is also in need of some committee chairpersons.

Message from Santa: The Toy Program is nearing its deadline (November 18th meeting). At this meeting we will be distributing the Toys For Kids. If you listed a charitable organization, it will be your responsibility to get the items delivered to your organization(s). Please invite a representative from the organization that you submitted to the club meeting. We would like to hear from them and how this program has helped. **Have any spare boxes and or bags?** Please bring some to help package these toys for delivery.

Christmas Party is coming up on **December 16th, 2021** at 6:00 PM (a week before our normal meeting and an hour earlier than our normal meeting) at **6 PM** and we will have a sign-up sheet for our members and guests. The dinner will be buffet style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. We always have a wonderful selection of foods. We are in need of some handmade gifts for our ladies. Please bring a warped gift or two for the ladies that support us and participate in our craft. We will have a sign up sheet so we will know how many gifts are coming.

Upcoming events: January 3rd 2022, Pack 1517 Pinewood Derby car cutout session. Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobart 5:30 PM setup, cutting out at 6:00 PM.

Julie and I wish everyone a blessed and abundant Thanksgiving with your families!

You're President, Kevin Sturgeon

SHOW AND TELL



George Denton



Gene Davis



Susan Bunce



Bill Schoech



Kevin Sturgeon



Norm Johnson



Kevin Sturgeon

BRAT NIGHT



ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at john.b.hunter@frontier.com

2021

November 18th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM Toy Program

December 8th Committees Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

7:00 PM

December 16th Membership Meeting at Moose Lodge, 143 South Hobart Road, Hobart IN

6:00 PM Christmas Party, Installation and Awards

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

TIP: Patina

Patina is primarily the mellowing and color change that occurs in wood over time due to oxidation from exposure to air and bleaching from exposure to light. Secondly, patina is the dings, scratches, rubs, etc., that give old furniture character.

The mid-nineteenth-century cylinder roll-top desk in the accompanying picture has patina, primarily the bleaching of the mahogany and also the bleaching of the plaster-of-Paris used to fill the pores. The desk has never been refinished, but the finish has been renewed with French polishing. Adding finish on top doesn't change the coloring of the wood underneath.

Patina is highly valued by antique dealers and collectors because it helps establish age, and it can also produce a warm, mellow appearance as with this desk.

Paint stripper based on solvent alone rarely removes patina because most of the patina is in the wood, not in the finish. But sanding will remove the top surface of the wood and destroy the patina. This is the reason old furniture shouldn't be sanded when it is refinished.



Foam Sheet Dust Prevention

I'm always trying to improve the dust collection in my shop. And while the dust port on my table saw does a good job, I find that a lot of the suction is lost through the large slot where the shaft for the blade height adjustment wheel and indicator is located.



To solve this problem, I attached a closed-cell, adhesive-backed foam sheet I found at a local craft store to the inside of the cabinet. The foam can be easily cut, so you can quickly make a slot to provide clearance for the shaft (*photo below*).



Now whenever I use my table saw, the dust no longer escapes out of the slot on the front of the cabinet. And more importantly, the foam greatly improves the suction and efficiency of my dust collection system.

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*

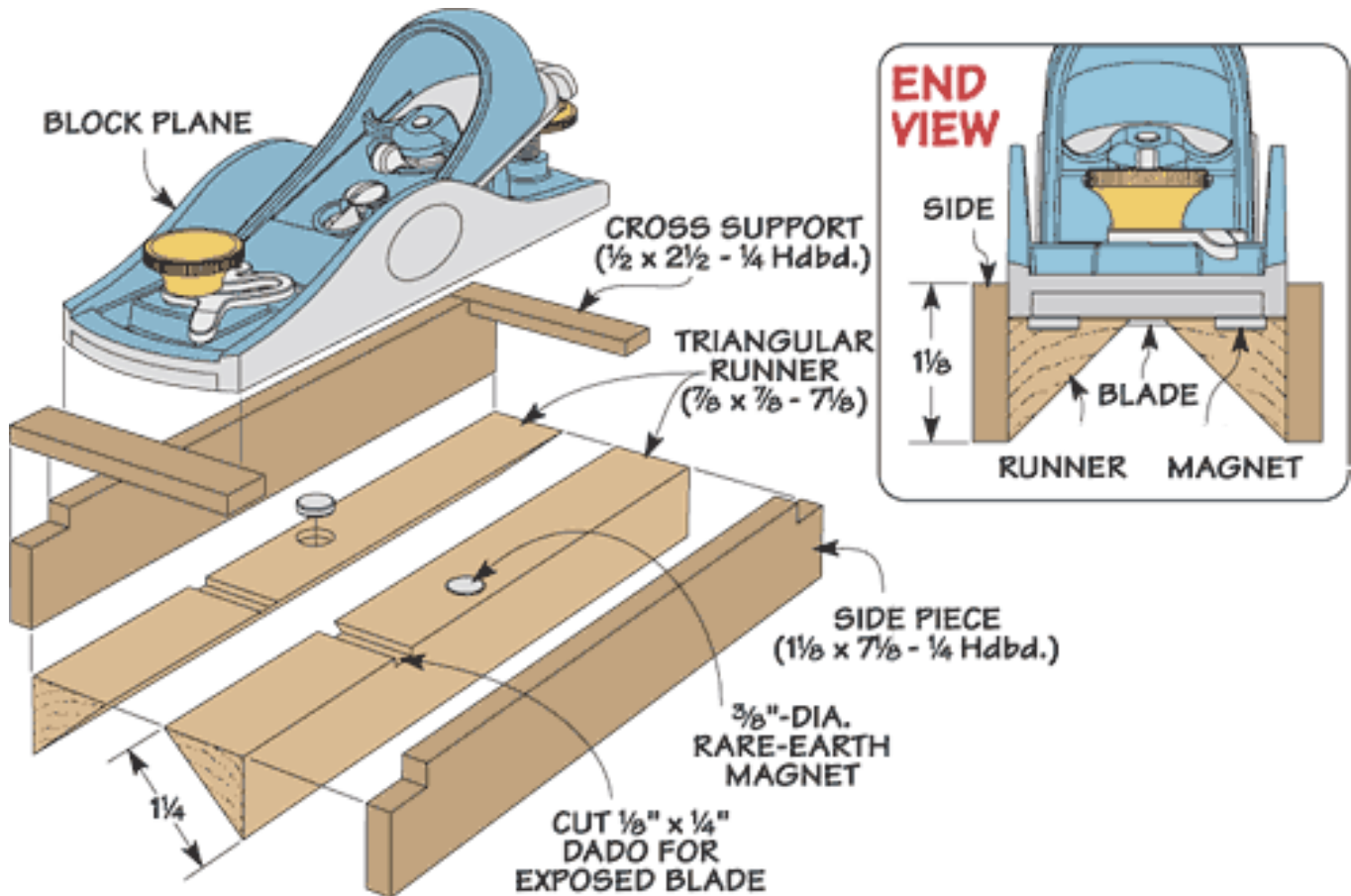
Chamfer Plane



A block plane makes quick work of chamfering the edge of a workpiece. To ensure a constant width and angle, I built the base shown in the photo above. It slips over the plane to make $\frac{1}{4}$ " chamfers and doesn't require any setup.

The base is simply two triangular-shaped runners glued to a pair of side pieces. Then cross supports are glued into notches in the front and back to hold the sides together.

Two rare-earth magnets glued into recesses in the runners hold the plane securely in place. A shallow dado is cut in the top of the runners at the mouth of the plane for the exposed iron.



The base is easy to use. With your block plane in the base, position the V-shaped groove formed by the runners over the edge of the workpiece. Then plane the workpiece until both runners sit flush. It worked so well I made a second one for $\frac{1}{8}$ " chamfers.

You can learn even more simple shop techniques, just go to [PlansNOW](https://www.PlansNOW.com).

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