



### LASER-RED "X" MARKS THE SPOT WITH THIS ROUTER SUBBASE

MLCS's On Point Laser Guided Router Base shines a laser crosshair to show the exact center of the bit. That's handy when freehand-routing or setting up field cuts, such as fluting. Plus, its oblong shape and outboard handle make it more stable for edge-routing. For cuts not requiring the laser, switch on the bright-white LED worklights; combined with the clear subbase, they provide great bit visibility. On Point comes predrilled to fit many popular midsize and 3-hp routers, but can be drilled to fit any.

Price: \$60, #9098

MLCS

800-533-9298; mlcswoodworking.com



### COMPUTER-CONTROLLED ROUTING COMES TO SMALL SHOPS

Large-scale professional woodworking shops often use CNC (computer numerically controlled) equipment for precisely cutting, routing, and drilling pieces—think of it as high-tech template-routing. Now, CNC-toolmaker ShopBot has downsized that technology to fit into a garage or basement shop. Requiring a working footprint smaller than a sheet of plywood, the PRTstandard BenchTop can automatically cut, rout, carve, and drill project parts up to 24x32" in a fraction of the time it would take to do them by hand.

Price: \$3,995, not including spindle. Add \$365 for 3-hp router package, or \$1,195 for 2-hp 230V spindle package.

ShopBot Tools

919-680-4800; shopbottools.com



### DIGITAL MITER GAUGE AT AN UNBELIEVABLY LOW PRICE

Last year, the digital-readout ProMiter-100 miter gauge was named one of our Hot New Tools for 2007, despite its \$400 price. Well, here's sticker shock of a different kind: Craftsman's Digital Miter Gauge uses the same brain as the ProMiter to measure miter angles with 0.1° accuracy, and it sells for only \$70. That's especially remarkable when you consider that you could spend three times that for other miter gauges with confusing, nondigital, 0.1° vernier scales.

Price: \$70, #29939

Craftsman

800-383-4814; craftsman.com

### IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH ROOM IN YOUR SHOP, SKIP THESE ITEMS

Wouldn't the world be a better place if you could face-joint material as wide as you can thickness-plane? Space-starved woodworkers in Europe have long used jointer/planer combination machines, and now you can afford one too, thanks to two new 12"-capacity machines from Grizzly and Jet. Both combo machines have jointer beds that tip out of the way, revealing a planer bed that must be raised about 8" to plane 3/4"-thick stock. They take up about as much floor space as a 15" planer, require 220-volt electrical service, and cost hundreds less than similar European-made combination machines.

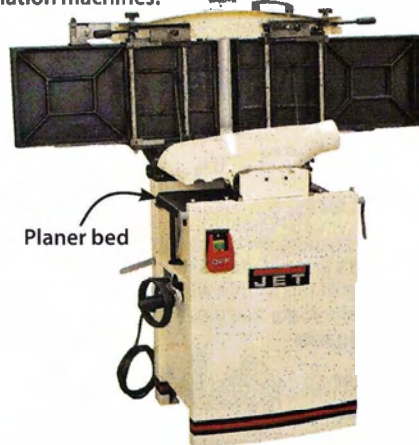


Jet's 3-hp combination jointer/planer makes the transformation from jointer to planer 5–10 seconds quicker than the Grizzly. You simply tip up the entire jointer bed, secure the dust hood, and raise the planer bed. It features straight knives and weighs 529 lbs—about 150 lbs less than the Griz.

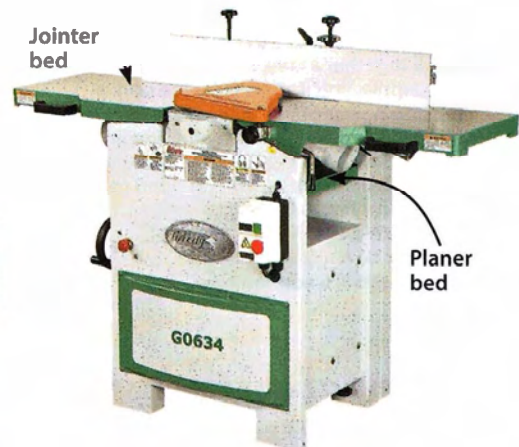
Price: \$2,000, stock no. 708475

WMH Tool Group

800-274-6848; jettools.com



Planer bed



Jointer bed

Planer bed

Grizzly's G0634 sports a spiral cutterhead with indexed solid-carbide insert cutters that give you four fresh edges for long life. (It's also available with a conventional straight-knife cutterhead, model G0633, for \$500 in savings.) This 5-hp machine needs a 30-amp circuit, and converts to a planer in five steps: Remove the guard, remove the fence, tip up each table, swing the dust-collection hood into place, and raise the planer bed. Total changeover time: about 40 seconds.

Price: G0633, \$1,795; G0634, \$2,295

Grizzly Industrial

800-523-4777; grizzly.com