

Foundation of Woodworking II Required Tools

The list of required tools for this course can cost you roughly anywhere from \$300- \$3000 dollars depending on how you choose to source them. Below are some suggestions for tools to look for on a budget, or if you are ready to make the investment, which tools we recommend. As soon as you are registered for Foundations II it is important that you begin your search for tools as soon as possible. With shipping delays and stock shortages it can take time to collect everything. If you need more support or have questions please reach out to Lacey or Philip.

If you are ready to invest in new tools we recommend the Canadian tool distributor Lee Valley. Their Veritas tool line is a good middle of the road option for most of your hand tools needs. If you are looking for top-shelf tools Lie Nielsen is a hand tool manufacturer in Maine.

We recommend purchasing high quality measuring tools-
Starret is the best for 4" double square and 12" Combo Square
IGage and Lee Valley squares are less expensive than Starret and still high quality

You can find many of these tools used in antique stores or on ebay but watch this video and read this article first

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZrq1KcU41Y>

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/project-guides/hand-tools/buying-old-tools>

Planes:

Smoothing Plane- often referred to as a #4. A "Stanley #4" can easily be found used, or Veritas or Lie-Nielsen#4

Low Angle Block Plane- often the little work pony at your bench- it's nice to have a good one- go with the Veritas Low Angle Block Plane or the Lie-Nielsen Adjustable Mouth Block Plane or Rabbet Block Plane here if you can.

Saws:

We like The Lee Valley Veritas and Lie-Nielson saws best

Carcase Saw (x-cut)

Dovetail or Tenon Saw (rip cut) (LV\$75, LN\$125)

Chisels:

You can easily find many bench chisels used- just be sure to read the above article first! We also like Irwin brand chisels if you are on a budget. The Lee-Valley brand set and Stanley Sweet Hearts are very nice, and Lee Nielson are excellent.

Bench Chisels (as many as possible) 1/8", 1/4", 3/8", 1/2", 5/8", 3/4", 1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2"