

Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien



Foolproof Reveals. There are all sorts of devices for marking reveals, but few are as simple and easy to use as a *TrimMaster*. This double-sided aluminum gauge is sold in sets of two: You use the smaller size for tracing $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch and $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch reveals, and the larger size for $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch reveals. Both fit easily in a tool pouch and are sold online for about \$15.

Farese Tools, 845/832-9056, faresetools.com.



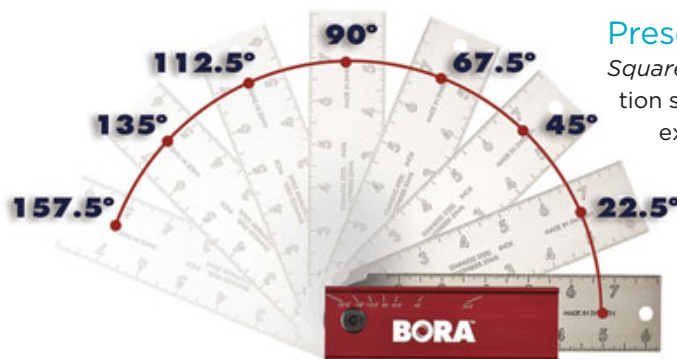
Plug-in Brad Nailer. If you're tired of lugging around a bulky compressor to power a tiny brad nailer, you might want to check out Arrow's new *EBN320 RED Professional Electric Brad Nail Gun*. The manufacturer claims that this tool can precisely drive 18-gauge brad nails up to 2 inches long. Its features include an easy jam-clearing mechanism, an LED guide light, and a rotating belt hook. It costs \$135.

Arrow Fastener Co., 800/776-2228, arrowfastener.com.



Pocket Screws for Decks. The company that pioneered the use of hidden fasteners now offers a jig that helps you fasten deck boards. The *Kreg Deck Jig* is compatible with any solid decking material between $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches thick, though you need a minimum deck spacing of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to fasten the boards from both sides. A kit — the jig, spacer rings, a drill bit, and a drive bit — costs \$100 online.

Kreg Tool Co., 800/447-8638, kregtool.com.



Preset Angle Square. Bora's *Multi-Angle Adjustable Square* is designed to combine the accuracy of a combination square with the versatility of a T-bevel. The tool has an extruded aluminum body and a stainless steel ruler with eight preset angle settings: 0°, 22.5°, 45°, 67.5°, 90°, 112.5°, 135°, and 157.5°. The company says it's been tested to remain accurate (within $\pm .05^\circ$) through 50,000 completed folding cycles. It comes in 8-inch and 12-inch sizes, for \$44 and \$47.

Affinity Tool Works, 866/588-0395, affinitytool.com/bora.