

COURSE NAME: Basic Skills Dovetails

Course Notes

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Tools List

The tools listed below are the ones we use in the workshop. You will find a list of our suppliers at the bottom of the page. We update the list from time to time to keep it current.

Measuring and Marking

- *Small engineer's square* - Workshop Heaven
- *Stanley knife* or fancy marking knife
- *Veritas marking gauge* - Classic Handtools/Axminster/Tyzack
- *Shinwa sliding bevel* for marking lines other than 90 degrees - Axminster
- A sharp pencil - 2H or 3H is ideal
- *Veritas Dovetail Saddle Marker* 1:6 and/or 1:8

Other Tools

- *Japanese pull saw* - Dozuki - Workshop Heaven or Classic Handtools
- *Western dovetail saw rip tooth* - Workshop Heaven/Classic Handtools/Axminster
Power Tools. Can be expensive but it will work out of the box. I recommend the Veritas 14 tip. You could buy a 2nd hand one from Ebay, but unless you know what to look for you could find yourself with a pile of junk. (If you do buy one in need of some help you can come in on [supervised access](#) days to get it sharpened and tuned up).

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- *Bevel Edged Chisels* - Czech Company Narex make a great set. Get the 8116 set from Workshop Heaven. The smaller chisels 3mm to 12mm are particularly useful for getting in between the tails.
 - *Skew Chisels* - there's no point spending a lot of money on expensive skew or fishtail chisels. Get a cheap set and/or secondhand pair of 6mm bevel edged chisels and grind them yourself. Again, if you don't want to do it all by yourself come in during [supervised access](#).
 - *Sharpening Stone* - Combination 1000/6000 King/Icebear Japanese waterstone (Axminster)
 - *Honing guide* - Eclipse 36 or a cheap Chinese copy from Ebay.
 - *Mallet* - Veritas Journeyman's mallet for small controlled hits. Axminster or Tyzack for the Veritas.
 - *Veritas small shoulder plane* - Axminster etc.

Suppliers

[Workshop Heaven](#) - We get 10% off. Email me if you want the latest code.

[Axminster Power Tools](#) - good for a wide range of hand and power tools

[Classic Handtools](#) - A bit like Workshop Heaven in that they have a wide range of high quality handtools. They have a particularly good book and dvd selection.

[Tyzack Tools](#) - They have the same supplier as Axminster and Classic Handtools, so it's often worth comparing prices to see who's cheapest on the day.

London School of Furniture Making - Yes I do mean us. We occasionally have tools for sale, which are either surplus to requirements, or we've bought them at a good price and are able to pass the savings on to you. Call or email to find out what we currently have in stock.

Extra Reading

Books

- The Collins Complete Woodworker - Jackson and Day - a classic.