

TREND SETTER

ROGER BISBY FINDS A FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS WITH TREND

Last month I mentioned that a great many of my chisels fall into disuse because I don't look after them properly. This is not something I am proud of and I really would like to take better care of them if I had the time and skill to hone them accurately. I have a honing guide but the wheel is narrow and tends to run a furrow down the oil stone. A joiner friend suggested I try the Fast Track diamond sharpener from Trend, which he uses almost daily. It provides a quick and easy way for anyone, even the unskilled, to grind and hone chisels and plane irons.

The set up is automatic and fool-proof for 25 degree primary and 30 degree secondary edges. There is a course grinding diamond and a finer honing guide. You also need a leather strap to take the burr off.

The bigger kit

If you want other angles then you need to purchase the Trend Diamond Whetstone Honing and Polishing kit, which comes with a choice of more angle presets and the ability to set any other angle you might require. For most of us the 25 and 30 degree are all we need. The diamond surface is also a lot bigger on this kit, which means you don't need to replace the diamond element so often.

You can lubricate any diamond stone with water spray but it tends to make them rusty so a lot of people buy some lapping fluid. This comes in a fine spray bottle and the amount you need is minute. The other thing you need is a cleaning rubber which you should use after every honing session.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information on Trend use the reader enquiry number below circle readerlink 174

The angle guide gives a precise setting for primary and secondary sharpening



Lapping paste is an alternative to water and helps stop rust



The guide requires no skill and achieves a perfect edge



The diamond 'stones' are held in place with a magnet



The fact that the chisel stays still is a safety feature



The honing guide is good for plane blades as well as chisels

