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Trend Perfect Butt

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Woodworking is enjoyable when everything goes right, but trying to fit anything to a wonky wall can be the most frustrating thing in the world! Scribing is a well-known art, but is better suited for single edge jointing. If you have complex shapes to fit to, with scribes on more than one edge (such as for alcoves) you need a different technique. Known as spiling, this is usually done with a template and block of wood. The Perfect Butt makes the job far easier.

The device is simplicity itself. It consists of a hollow metal tube with three tracing wheels of different diameters which push onto the bottom hub. The tube has a knurled cap which enables a pencil to be dropped inside. A spring over the top keeps it pressed down so that the pencil projects through the bottom.

For normal single edge scribing, the wheel is placed against the wall with the workpiece butted to it. You simply wheel the Perfect Butt along the wall to make a perfect copy of its undulations.

By changing wheels bigger gaps can be accommodated. If you have minimal scribing material to play with, pull the work away until the widest point is at the pencil tip.

For spiling work it's a bit more complex. You need to lay a template board on the area to be scribed and run the Perfect Butt around all the surfaces with an appropriate wheel. This gives you a perfect representation of the walls, but inset by the radius of the wheel. The template then needs to be cut accurately to the line and placed on the work. By running the Perfect Butt around

the newly-shaped template you end up with a perfect replica.

Unlike the normal compass or block and pencil methods which don't give a perfectly true representation, especially on excessive curves, the wheel with its central pencil is always equidistant from the scribing point, anywhere on the wall.

An excellent addition to the tool kit. It might not get used every day, but it's easy to use and gives perfect results.



Three tracing wheels accommodate different gap sizes when scribing

GW verdict

- ➕ Spot-on every time, easy to use
- ➖ Template needs cutting for spiling

Value for money ●●●●○
Performance ●●●●○