

## THE Router

In many respects *The Router's* title belies its broad content, which could most accurately be described as 'bench woodworking for capable enthusiasts'. Although the router plays an essential part in the woodworking process, it is still only one part of a woodworker's toolkit.

This 'router workshop' is reflected in the magazine's content, which is broader now than ever before. Authors such as Ralph Laughton and John Bullar use a variety of tools and machinery in the production of furniture but resort to the router whenever possible and practical.

So the router remains the star of a magazine aimed at solution-hungry woodworkers who are interested in getting the job done properly using every power tool, jig and shortcut in the book.

If you are a newcomer to woodwork, there's no reason to be intimidated by the plethora of jigs, cutters and other associated kit that comes with routing.

Neither should you presume that genius is needed to get the most from a machine. All the hard work has been done, and all you really need to do is buy a book and keep up-to-date with ideas and new kit by reading magazines.

Then, by adapting jigs to suit your needs you should get perfect results every time. Once you understand the router's full potential you will begin to see its' handiwork everywhere, and in turn, this will form your own ideas and inspiration about what to make.

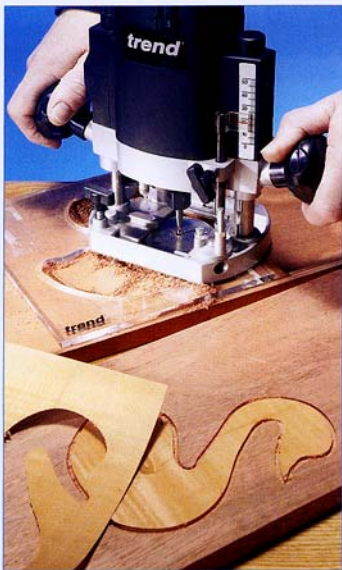


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# T5 ROUTER



This is a tried and tested design that must have been the most popular 'first router' over the past 20 years. Sure it's more expensive than your average 'budget' routers, but apart from the limitations of 850W of power, this router is a well-made, virtually faultless design. If you buy the T5 as a kit you will have everything you need for getting started

and since it is manufactured to a semi-pro standard, you can be sure of it lasting for several years of part-time use.

The perfectly simple method of twisting the handle for plunge locking is as good as the day it was invented, and the threaded height-setting turrets are as useful as ever since they can easily be connected to a fine-height adjuster. The trigger on the Mark II is the same 'safety' type as found on Perles is probably the best alternative to a locking on/off switch. Luckily Trend still also produce the Mark I which has the delightfully simple on/off switch. It has been necessary to continue this because nothing else is practical for many jigs and because their professional customers wouldn't have anything else.

The fine-height and fence adjusters will give you all the control you need and despite my dislike of non-locking on/off switches, the lever-type switch featured is by far the best solution to the problem.

The soft-start is smooth and to the point and although as standard as you like, the dust extraction works very well. Also, the cowl is fitted without screws, making it easy to remove. Another advantage to this humble router is the fact that it will fit almost every accessory known to man and is really *the* standard router in every sense.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Input power.....850W	Price (ex VAT)
Collets..... $\frac{1}{8}$ in & 8mm	T5EB.....£119
Max plunge.....50mm	T5ELB.....£134
No-load speed....9,000-27,000	T5EK.....£159
Soft start.....Yes	T5ELK.....£174
Weight.....2.7kg	T5E MK2.....£159

#### ACCESSORIES

Supplied with a parallel fence with fine adjustment,  $\frac{1}{8}$ in & 8mm collets, 20mm guidebush, trammel attachment and fine-height adjuster.  
 Not included in 'B' basic units.