

Lee Valley Veritas Joinery Saws

Lee Valley Tools has added to their joinery saw line-up with the recent introduction of the Veritas Small Crosscut Saw and the Veritas Fine-Tooth Dovetail Saw. These two saws join the pre-released Dovetail saw. All saws in this line feature the innovative spine and well shaped bubinga handle featured on the first Dovetail saw. The Fine-tooth Dovetail

Saw is perfect for someone who prefers to work with a fine-tooth saw. This saw comes with a 20 tpi blade that is 9 1/2" long and a 0.020" thick carbon steel blade with 0.003" of set per side. The teeth have a rake angle of 14° and an included angle of 60°. The depth of cut is about 1 1/16". The Fine-Tooth saw retails for \$69.00.



The Small Crosscut Saw is filed with alternating bevel angles that sever rather than tear wood fibres for clean cuts in cross-grain applications. This saw has a 9 1/4" long, 0.020" thick high-carbon steel blade with 16 tpi set 0.003" per side. The teeth have 15° rake and bevel angles and the depth of cut is about 1 1/16". The Small Crosscut Saw retails for \$69.00.

For those who are interested, the saws can be purchased in two different sets. The set of three saws includes both dovetail saws and the crosscut saw (save \$38 off the individual prices). For those who already own the 14 tpi dovetail, they offer the 16 tpi crosscut and the 20 tpi dovetail saws as a pair (save \$19). For more information on these saws, please visit leevalley.com

Tripair Xylophone Kits



Looking for a great gift idea this year? Why not make some music? Making a xylophone from any of the three kits from Tripair is one of the simplest woodworking projects, if you have the bars. These xylophone bar kits, now available in three scale ranges, with each bar tuned to the required pitch, produce a pleasant musical scale. To help amateur musicians, all bars now come stamped with the corresponding note, such as C, C#, etc.

The stamped bars are made from .075" thick x 1" wide steel, deburred for complete safety, and zinc-plated to keep them looking shiny for years to come. Each kit comes with comprehensive yet simple instructions for making a simple xylophone. The xylophone can be as simple as a plank of wood with the bars evenly spaced and supported with soft foam or felt. Taper the plank for a more purposeful look, or use slender bars of exotic wood for added pizzazz.

Whether you are a grandparent or parent making the xylophone for (or with) your youngster, or looking for a simple project to help initiate your aspiring percussionist to the love of both music and woodworking, nothing could be more ideal.

The kits are available at Lee Valley and come in 8, 13 and 25 note sets that are priced at \$4.95, \$14.50 and \$24.50, respectively. Visit leevalley.com for more information or to order.

New Machines from Craftex

Busy Bee has announced the introduction of three new jointers and two new thickness planers to their Craftex line of machines. All of these machines feature new indexable spiral cutter heads with four rows of German-made carbide tipped inserts. Spiral-type cutter heads produce cleaner, smoother and much quieter cuts versus standard planer knives. The machines also include larger motors than their existing line. The new jointers are available in 6", 8" and 12" models with introductory pricing of \$1049, \$1425 and \$3125, respectively. The jointers also have a parallelogram bed design that ensures table accuracy every time. The new thickness planers are available in 15" and 20" models with introductory prices of \$2025 and \$2925, respectively. The thickness planers both have enclosed cabinets and two speeds to ensure great planing results. These five new tools will be available for purchase by late October, 2009. For detailed information on these new tools, check out busybeetools.ca.

