

TIP SHEET

NO. 015

SQUARES FOR WOODWORK

Try Square

Rule is pinned to stock for stability.

Rule may not have measurements. They're not really necessary.

The basic try square can handle most woodworking tasks. These squares are dependable and versatile, but need to be tested for accuracy and you may need several different sizes.

Metal wear-plate helps preserve accuracy over time while allowing stock to be lighter-weight wood.

Small notch here helps with good registration.

The precision **machinist's square** should be highly accurate and stable. These are heavy and sharp-edged and can damage soft wood, but are also good enough for machine setup and testing other squares.

Machinist's Square

Lock-knob

Spirit-level built in.

The **engineer's square** is adjustable for many different uses. These squares are my top choice for woodworking and general shop tasks. Not only will these squares handle marking and checking, they will also do accurate measuring, check depths, scribe lines parallel to edges, and lay out holes for drilling. Be aware that these squares can drift out of true and they are only accurate when fully locked-down. They can also be very expensive.

Rule is very accurate and is excellent for checking dimensions or layout from plans.

The Engineer's "Combination Square"

Watch the video here



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