Tool Glossary

Auger
A tool with a central feed screw, a pair of cutting lips, and a crosswise handle used for boring holes in wood

Awl
A pointed instrument that makes small holes in wood for marking

C-clamp
An instrument used to hold an object tightly together, made in the form of a “C”

Coping saw
A saw used for cutting curves in wood

Crosscut saw
A saw used to cut easily across the fibers of wood

Garnet paper
A type of sandpaper that uses the mineral garnet as its rubbing material

Jig
A tool used to keep the correct position between a piece of wood and the tool used to work with it

Jigsaw
A saw with fine teeth used for cutting odd-shaped articles

Miter box
A device for guiding a hand saw at the proper angle

Nail set
An instrument used to drive nails into wood without leaving hammer marks

Penny
The size of a nail, indicated by the letter “d”

Rasp
A coarse file made with cutting points

Trace pattern
A picture plan that has a full-size outline of the desired shape of the object to be made

Twist drill
An instrument with an edged end that makes holes in wood by revolving into it

Utility square
An L-shaped rule that forms a 90-degree angle

Vise
An instrument that holds your work close together by squeezing with two mechanical jaws

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