

What to Bring

Here's a list of things that you'll want to have with you at class, whether you are commuting or camping here. Please keep in mind that class will be in our outdoor teaching spaces.

Local hardware stores are wonderful, and we encourage you to support them if you're lucky enough to have one in your community. Another option is to borrow from a friend, neighbor, or local tool library.

We've also included links to the items for sale on Amazon or at Home Depot so that you can get a sense of what we're talking about, and buy them there if that's more convenient. The first link is usually Amazon and the second is Home Depot, in case you're concerned with which corporation your money goes to.

Required Carpentry Tools

- ☐ **25' Tape measure:** We love the [Stanley Fat Max](#) or the [Milwaukee 25'](#)
- ☐ **Safety glasses:** Some good options are: [Dewalt Anti-Fog](#), [these basic ones](#), you can add [side shields](#) if you like or go with one an over-glasses choice like these: [Over-Glasses](#), [ReadyMax](#)
- ☐ **Ear protection:**
 - ☐ Earplug style: [3M Corded](#), [HDX Reusable Corded](#)
 - ☐ Earmuff style: [Pro For Sho](#), [3M Folding Earmuff](#)
 - ☐ Bluetooth: [3M Work Tunes](#), [ISOtunes Free](#)
- ☐ **Carpenters Pencils:** please bring 3: [Irwin Carpenters Pencils](#), [Individual Carpenters Pencils](#)
- ☐ **Utility Knife:** [WORKPRO Folding Utility Knife](#), [Stanley Quick-Change Retractable](#)
- ☐ **Speed Square:** [Swanson Tool Co Speed Square](#), [Empire Laser-Etched](#)

Required Non-Carpentry Items

- ☐ Notebook and/or clipboard + Writing Implement
- ☐ Layered, comfortable clothing (hat, vest, very warm jacket, wool socks, boots, and wool long underwear, if coming during April, May, September, or October... mountain weather is unpredictable and may be both hot and cold during your time here!)
- ☐ Closed-toed shoes or boots
- ☐ Long pants
- ☐ Shorts (if hot)
- ☐ Rain Gear (boots, umbrella, poncho)
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Sun Hat
- ☐ Hair Restraint if needed

Recommended Carpentry Tools

- ☐ **Dust Mask:** [Honeywell N95 Disposable Dust Mask](#), [HDX Dust Mask](#) *Only necessary if you're bothered by sawdust*
- ☐ **Impact Driver** *We have a good number of these to share around, but there'll still be some sharing involved. If you want to make sure you can have a driver in your own*

hands at all times, please bring one especially if you already have one! Here are some of our favorite impact drivers, with our favorite at the top:

- ☐ [Makita 18V LXT](#) from Amazon, [Makita 18V LXT](#) from Home Depot
- ☐ [Milwaukee M18 18v](#)
- ☐ [DeWalt 20V Max 1/4"](#) from Amazon, [DeWalt 20V Max 1/4"](#) from Home Depot
- ☐ *(Tip: If you're wanting to buy both an impact driver and a drill, it's often cheaper to get them as a set like [this](#). You can find sets for most brands).*
- ☐ **Bits – t20:** impact ready and at least 2" like this one: [Makita T20 2" 3pc](#)
- ☐ **Bits – t25:** impact ready and at least 2" like this one: [Makita T25 2" 3pc](#)
- ☐ **Tool Belt/Apron/Pants-Pockets:** *Only necessary if you're bringing a lot of tools.* You'll probably want some way of carrying tools on you while working. That may just be pants with good pockets! Or you may like a tool belt or an apron. Choose what works best for you! Here are some options:
 - ☐ Nicer belt made by one of our former instructors: [Basic Tool Belt – Leather](#)
 - ☐ Made in China basic tool belt: [CLC Custom Leathercraft](#), [McGuire-Nicholas](#)
 - ☐ [Dickies 5-Pocket Belt](#)
- ☐ **Tool Bucket/Bag:** *Only necessary if you're bringing a lot of tools.* You'll want some way of keeping your tools together if you've got more than will fit in your pockets or belt. This doesn't have to be fancy, it could just be a bucket or canvas bag. Here are some other options.
 - ☐ [5-gal bucket](#) from Amazon
 - ☐ [Bucket Boss Tool Organizer](#) from Amazon, [Bucket Boss Tool Organizer](#) from Home Depot
 - ☐ [Bucket Boss 12" Bag](#)

Optional Carpentry Tools: We have several of the following to share around, no need to buy if you don't already own. *But if you DO already own, we strongly encourage you bring them so that you can learn to use what you have! You'll get hands-on practice with all of these!*

- ☐ **Hammer.** There are many options here, be sure you don't get one that's too heavy for your body.
 - ☐ Good enough hammer: [Irwin 16oz](#)
 - ☐ Nice hammer: [Estwing Hammer 16oz](#) from Amazon, [Estwing 16oz Hammer](#) from Home Depot
 - ☐ Fancy hammers: [Dalluge 16oz Titanium](#), [Stiletto 16oz](#)
- ☐ **Drill** (Tip: A 'drill-driver' is just a drill, not a combination of an impact driver and a drill). Here are various drill options:
 - ☐ [Makita 18v Drill + Bits](#) from Amazon, [Makita 18V Drill](#) from Home Depot
 - ☐ [Milwaukee 18v Drill](#) from Amazon, [Milwaukee 18v Drill](#)
 - ☐ [DeWalt 20v Drill](#) from Amazon, [DeWalt 20v Drill](#) from Home Depot
- ☐ **Drill bits for impact driver.** [Makita Impact drill bits 1/4" hex shank](#), [Makita Impact 1/4" Hex Shank](#)
- ☐ **Quick Grip Clamps:** [Irwin QuickGrip 4pk \(6" & 12"\)](#), [DeWalt 4pk 6" & 12" Clamps](#)
- ☐ **Catspaw:** [SpecOps Tools 10"](#), [Estwing 9" Pro-Claw](#)
- ☐ **Hand Saws**
 - ☐ Japanese pull saws: [SUIZAN Ryoba Pull Saw 7" Double Sided](#), [Ryoba 300 – Shelter Tools](#)
 - ☐ American style push saws: [Stanley FatMax 15" Hand Saw](#) from Amazon, [Stanley FatMax 15" Hand Saw](#) from Home Depot, [Craftsman 15" Medium Tooth Saw](#)

- ☐ **Chalk Line:** [DeWalt Compact Chalk Reel Kit](#), [DeWalt Compact Chalk Reel Kit](#)
- ☐ **Levels**
 - ☐ 9-10 inches: [Stanley Level, Magnetic](#), [Empire 9" Torpedo](#)
 - ☐ 4 feet: [Stanley I-beam](#) from Amazon, [Stanley I-Beam](#) from Home Depot