

HOME HINTS



Blind Cord

To replace a venetian blind cord, tape or attach the new cord to the end of the old one. In this way the cord can be pulled through the holes in the slats and over the pulleys as the old cord is removed.

Soaking Paint Brushes

Don't spoil that paint brush by standing it upright in a tin. Instead, select a can with the lid still attached and bend it to support the can at an angle so that the brush will lie flat and keep bristles straight.

Plaster Patching

Half a rubber tennis ball serves as a handy plaster patching container, which is cleaned simply by squeezing the rubber to free sections of dried plaster. This is especially useful when several evenings are needed to patch a wall.

Painting Chair Legs

When you are varnishing chair legs, it is difficult to do the job indoors and avoid mess. Why not stand the leg in an old dish to catch the drips with newspapers all round, of course, to protect the floor from the legs already painted.

Good Ad-Vyce

The problem of holding small mechanical parts in various positions in a large vyce is solved by first placing the work in a small C-clamp, then locking the clamp in the vyce in the desired position. In this way it is possible to hold individual small parts for filing or making accurate measurements, or to hold an assembly of parts in a convenient position for soldering.

Rattling Doors

Usually caused by loose striker plate of the door lock. Unscrew and remove plate, enlarge the inner edge of the mortised portion with chisel or knife, and replace closer to stop. If the plate has been moved any distance, it may be necessary to enlarge hole so that the bolt slats fit. Fill the old hole with plastic wood and sandpaper level when dry.



We would like you to meet Mrs. Foster, of La Perouse, and Kenneth and Graham.

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Wedge for Rip-Saw

When rip-sawing, if you need a wedge to prevent the wood from pinching the saw, try an ordinary strap hinge. With one leaf of the hinge inserted in the saw cut and the other resting on the face of the work, the hinge won't drop out as the sawing progresses. If a thicker wedge is needed, simply fold the hinge together and insert both leaves in the cut, advancing hinge as sawing progresses.

Sticking Windows

Find parts that stick. Dismount window and plane lightly. Chalk or soft pencil edge of window and replace. If binding still occurs, remove and note chalk marks at points of pressure. Sand or plane these points. Repeat as necessary, working gradually. Wait for dry weather. Lubricate with paraffin or graphite solution.

Trellis Legs

When the legs of a garden trellis are sunk in the ground, their life can be lengthened if they are inserted in lengths of steel piping which are driven into the ground.