

## Be Prepared With A Well-Stocked Workbench

(NAPSA)—The first step for every weekend warrior to look like a pro and improve his or her skills around the house is having the right tools. To help make general home repair jobs and other small projects easier, a well-stocked workbench is essential.

To make the most of your workbench, keep these trusted tools on hand:

**Adhesives and Caulks:** Whether it's replacing a baseboard or resealing around a window, there are 1,001 uses for adhesives and caulks. Two great choices are Loctite Power Grab construction adhesive and Polyseamseal All-Purpose adhesive caulk. Both are low odor, paintable, and clean up with water, making them easy to use for a variety of applications. For more information, visit [www.loctiteproducts.com](http://www.loctiteproducts.com) or [www.polyseamseal.com](http://www.polyseamseal.com).

**Tape Measure:** To ensure professional-looking results, "measure twice, cut once." A good tape measure is a must to make sure a project is done accurately. Choose a 25-foot tape measure so that it can easily measure most room dimensions.

**Level:** From hanging pictures to applying a wallpaper border, levels are a necessity to keep your job in line. Choose a level that checks both horizontal and vertical lines. In addition, some levels can also check 30- or 45-degree angles.

**Duct Tape:** It's the handyman's best friend and favorite fix-all product. Whether patching a hole in a raft or making a temporary fix on the car, duct tape is one of the most versatile tools in your workbench. For more interesting uses of duct tape, visit [www.duckproducts.com](http://www.duckproducts.com).

**Hammer:** Not all hammers are the same. Heavier weights make driving nails easier. Also, a claw hammer gives you the option to pull nails out. A 16-ounce model is a popular choice.



**STICKY SITUATIONS—All-purpose adhesives and caulks are good for 1,001 uses around the house.**

**Screwdrivers:** For a one-size-fits-all tool that will also keep your workbench neat, choose a multi-head screwdriver that contains a variety of bits in the handle.

**WD-40:** When something doesn't move but it should, the first place to turn is this all-purpose tool in a can. It lubricates, cleans, protects and also stops doors from squeaking. Visit [www.wd40.com](http://www.wd40.com) for more tips and tricks.

**Wrench:** Something always needs tightening around the house, and a wrench will help you keep a tight ship. Since nuts and bolts come in a variety of sizes, an adjustable wrench that allows you to open or close the jaws to the right width for your job is the best choice.

**Utility Knife:** Keeping a utility knife handy is ideal for opening boxes, scoring a cut line, and countless other uses. Choose one with a retractable blade for added safety, and keep blades sharp and clean for better results.

By making sure that your workbench is stocked with these essential tools and taking care to keep them fresh, clean and ready for use, you'll be well prepared for your next home project.