

# Hints For The Handy

## Have The Right Tools For Any Project Or Repair

(NAPSA)—If you're like most people, you probably have a frequent need to tighten, loosen, take apart or put together many things in the home, office or car.

A carefully selected set of common hand tools, whether they're for you or to be given as a gift—regardless of the person's ability level—can go a long way to ensure that you're always prepared.

A small number of versatile, well-engineered and high-quality tools you can purchase at any home center or hardware store can help with 90 percent of common tasks. They include:

**Adjustable Wrench (8-inch)**—Celebrating its 100-year anniversary, the Crescent brand is most famous for this tool, especially useful for turning different-size nuts and bolts.

**Tape Measure (25-foot)**—One new tape has a self-centering feature that lets you easily find the center of the object you're measuring—great for hanging pictures.

**Claw Hammer (16-ounce)**—A 16-ounce claw type is best for most projects. Get one with a fiberglass handle for maximum durability and comfort.



**An adjustable wrench can prepare you for common tasks you'll encounter in the home, office or car.**

**Screwdrivers**—Two 8-inch-long screwdrivers will cover most situations: a slotted head with a ¼-inch-wide blade and a Phillips style, size No. 2.

**Pliers (6½-inch)**—A pair of basic slip-joint pliers will be one of the most valuable tools you own. Make sure they have a built-in wire cutter.

One final piece of advice: Don't shop for tools based on price only...a reputable brand, such as Cooper Hand Tools, could pay major dividends in terms of long life and ease of use.

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