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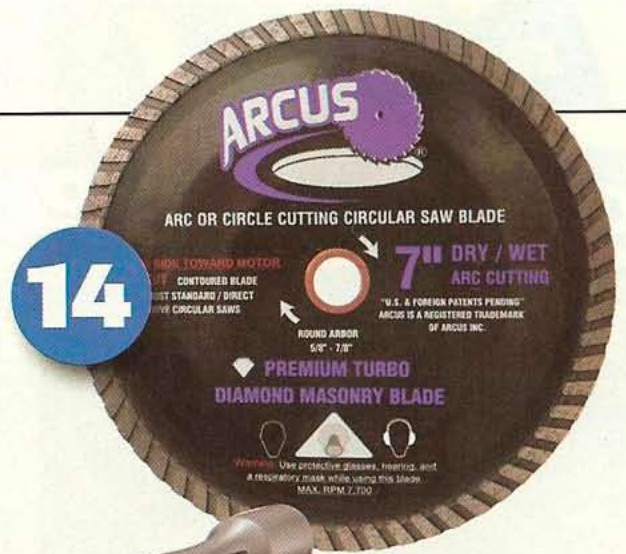
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For Those About To Rock

Handy Drywall Tools for Your Next Project



The round shape of the Radius 360 Sander makes side-to-side movement easy, reducing flips that can gouge the wall surface.



By Tom Matthews

Drywall has taken over. From residential to commercial buildings, gypsum board, commonly called drywall or Sheetrock (which is actually a brand name of USG Corporation), has generally replaced plaster-and-lath walls because it is comparatively easier and faster to install. While properly hanging and finishing drywall takes practice, even a DIY'er can work with the material. It's readily available, reasonably priced, and can be worked with common hand tools. This article highlights a few new tool innovations in the world of drywall, and how they can save time and effort on your next "rocking" project.

FULL CIRCLE SANDERS

It's terribly aggravating to knock a hole in the drywall surface just as you're wrapping up the finishing touches. The new Flex Edge multi-layered sander from Full Circle International has a 9-by-4-inch die-cast aluminum head that is designed to lower the center of gravity. This distributes the pressure for better stability, allowing you to make side-to-side directional changes without worry of flipping the sander, which can damage the wall surface. The Flex

Edge sander has two abrasive systems—a loop-backed sheet abrasive and a loop-backed flex foam abrasive. The two abrasive systems are suited to many drywall jobs like finish-sanding inside angles and small areas, as well as finish sanding on the whole wall. As a two-tool system, the Flex Edge sander, when used along with Full Circle's round Radius 360 sander, delivers excellent finish quality on the wall surface. The system is similar to painting a wall with a brush (the flex edge for the corners and detail areas) and a roller (the Radius 360 for speed on the open areas).

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The added pressure of the Flex Edge sander eliminates bumps and prevents stuttering for a faster, smoother finish.