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Striking differences set modern hammers apart



Don't get lost in a forest of hammer options. Learn which hammer is best for you.

In the centuries since the first DIYer strapped a rock to a stick and called it a hammer, the tool has evolved considerably. Technological innovations have resulted in new materials for hammerheads and handles as well as specialized designs for specific uses. In

fact, the wide variety of hammers available can make it difficult to know which one is best for you.

You may think that all of the technology surrounding the modern hammer is just hype—that a hammer is a hammer. But when I examined the options, I

found important differences. Here are some criteria to consider as you shop for a new version of this age-old tool.

The shape of things

One of your biggest decisions will be choosing the shape of the hammerhead.

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