

This Old House

New Meets Old

Reinventing a Historic Home



LIGHT WORKERS

The latest framing tools contain lighter, high-performance metals so they are easier to carry and use. Made of aircraft-grade aluminum, the folding Framing Wizard (LEFT and RIGHT) fits in a toolbox. Reference lines indicating measurements and commonly used cutting angles and roof pitches speed layouts, and if the arm wanders out of alignment with continued use, it can be reset to perfect square with the twist of an Allen wrench. The hickory-handled Stiletto framing hammer (CENTER) has a titanium head that weighs in at a mere 12 ounces but still performs as well as its 20-ounce steel cousins. The titanium eliminates every shiver of recoil, making each swing more effective and reducing arm fatigue.

