

Just Plane/Flat

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woodwork — This morning I came into the workshop really wanting to work on
something, but I couldn’t really think what. I pulled out a rough sawn piece of
blackwood that was left over from my table, sharpened up my plane, and set to
work making shavings. I didn’t have an aim of making anything at all, I wanted
only to hear and feel the plane working smoothly.

I have been looking around for information about producing flat surfaces, not
because I need to know how it’s done – I already know that – but just to get
a bit of background on how this method was developed. New Scientist – The
Last Word: Tell me straight has some interesting accounts of making lapping
plates etc. and Joseph Witworth is mentioned all over the web in relation to
this subject.