

# Father's Day tips: Five cool tools for dad

Whether you've got a handy man, a gadget freak or a dad with dreams of DIY, there are plenty of cool tools to add to his arsenal. Here are five Father's Day favorites:

## Fold-away work bench

If your home is like ours, available space is at a premium. This folding workbench and tool storage center is a well built gadget, as space-efficient as a workshop can get. Heavy steel brackets are used to mount a real butcher block bench top at any height you like. Once mounted it provides a full 60-inch wide by 24-inch deep work surface that folds down and out of the way when not in use.

An accompanying tool storage center is made of heavy



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plastic with a "slat board" design — more versatile than old-fashioned peg board. For about \$550, the kit includes the work bench and tool center and a package of assorted slat board hooks and tool holders.

• [www.2BenchSolution.com](http://www.2BenchSolution.com)

## Pocket screwdriver

This miniature screwdriver is about the size of a half dollar and it has 4 blades.

And get this — its sold as a key-chain fob.

The inventor added a special twist that makes his tool more useful than all of the other multi-tip screwdrivers that we've ever seen. Tips include a typical No. 2 Phillips head and a standard straight blade. But, this is where the pocket screwdriver gets different: the other two tips are "teeny-weenie" sized straight blade and Phillips blades that can be used for repairing eye glasses, jewelry and other small items. Its simple, its inexpensive, its useful and it sells for under \$3.

• [www.advantekmarketing.com](http://www.advantekmarketing.com)

## Four-pod faux leather charging station

For gadget fiends, we discovered a neat little gadget

that doubles as a Father's Day gift and as a housekeeping problem solver.

The charging station is nothing more than a sharp looking faux-leather container that conceals your plug strip, chargers and wires while it cradles up to four items for charging. Dad will love having all of his gadgets in one place and you will love not having to look at all of the wires and a big mess. The price is right too, at only \$20.

• [cableorganizer.com](http://cableorganizer.com)

## Combination framing square-level

Its really cool when someone comes up with a new twist on a couple of old tools. This one is a combination framing square and a level.

What makes this even cooler is that it was invented and is being marketed and sold by women. The tool is not only sturdy, its lightweight too. Its available in several useful sizes up to and including that of a full size carpenters square.

• [www.levelbest2.com](http://www.levelbest2.com)

## Forearm forklift

When it comes to moving furniture, back injury can be a serious problem. This gadget was invented by a professional furniture mover who told us that he wanted to be able to move large pieces of furniture without risking back injury and without damaging expensive flooring like tile and hardwood. When we first saw this new tool, two women were carrying a large

breakfront and they weren't even straining. No dolly, no cart, nothing except a couple of six-foot long by three-inch wide nylon straps. Simply lay the straps onto the floor in the shape of an "X" beneath the furniture to be moved.

The two people who will be carrying the furniture will each place each of their arms through the arm holes at the ends of the straps. Stand up, lift and move the furniture. It couldn't be more simple and it costs under \$30.

• [www.forearmforklift.com](http://www.forearmforklift.com)

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