

Home Repairs and Carpentry

Our Lord's father, Joseph, was a carpenter. Do you think that Joseph showed Jesus his tools and how to use them. I'll bet that he did! In our Bible, Let's read from 'Mark', chapter 6 starting with the 3rd verse, speaking about Jesus, "Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon?". The bible also talks about working with your hands. In '1st Thessalonians', chapter 4 starting with the 11th verse, "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody".

As we begin to talk about home repairs and carpentry, please ask your Mom or Dad to work with you. We will be listing quite a few tools and hopefully you have them in your home. Also, we will be listing a number of typical home repairs. Again, work with your Mom or Dad, so that you can learn about these repairs at home. If you don't have some of the tools, talk to your Train Leader and he can show you his tools. We won't be talking about 'how' to do these repairs in this chapter because it would take many pictures and words to describe the repairs. So, working with your Mom or Dad and Train Leader, let's start 'working with our hands'!

Why should we learn about home repairs and carpentry?

Now, and especially when you get older and become an adult, you will need a knowledge of tools and repair methods. Starting now, you may have to repair your bicycle. Even now, your Dad or Mom may want you to help them with some of the repairs around your home. In your Pioneer Train, you may be working on wood-working projects and handicrafts. Later on as you get older, you'll probably have a car and a home some day. All man-made things require repair from time to time. At the present time, if you pick up a knowledge of simple tools and how to use them on simple repairs or projects, that knowledge will greatly help you as you grow up in life. So, let's start now to learn about tools, carpentry and home repairs.

Hand Tools

There are thousands of hand tools available and most of them have a specify application for their use. Go visit a hardware store and look around at all of the tools available. We will only list some simple hand tools that are normally used around your home. Here's that simple list:

Hammer	Hand Saw	Block Plane	Staple Gun
Pliers	Adjustable Wrench	Square	Nail Punch
Screwdriver(s)	Chisel(s)	Level	Wire Cutter
Measuring Tape	Hack Saw	Socket Wrench	

If you want to have a 'basic tool box' for the hand tools listed, here are the tools listed above that should be in it: hammer, pliers, screwdriver(s), measuring tape, adjustable wrench, chisel(s), square, nail punch, wire cutter. The other tools listed are either too big or come as a 'set' and will not fit in a basic tool box.

Power Tools

We are only going to list three simple power tools. There are hundreds of power tools in the hardware store but many of them are very dangerous and at your current age, should not be used by you. Here are the three simple power tools:

Electric Hand Drill

Electric Screwdriver

Electric Glue Gun

Simple Home Repairs and Projects

Squeaky Door

Clogged Toilet

Hanging Pictures

Caulking

Sticky Door

Leaky Faucet

Hanging Shelving

Install a Lock

Others(ask Mom or Dad)

Summary

To pass "Home Repairs and Carpentry" Pioneer Skills, your Train Leader will ask you to demonstrate how to make some home repairs and projects. So, get started now at home working with your Mom or Dad and 'work with your hands'!