

## Glossary of Tools

**adze:** a tool, like an ax, used for chipping or slicing away the surface of wood.

**auger:** a carpenter's tool for boring holes in wood.

**bellows:** an instrument fashioned to furnish a strong blast of air, used to blow a fire.

**bench hook:** an iron hook by which a board may be gripped.

**bevel square:** a joiner's and mason's tool, used for setting off angles.

**broad ax:** chisel-edged ax used for hewing round logs into square beams.

**chisel:** a cutting edge with an oblique angle, the tool is worked by blows from a hammer.

**draw knife:** a blade between 2 handles, it cuts by being drawn towards the cutter's body.

**felling ax:** large ax designed for cutting down trees.

**firmer chisel:** a thin all-purpose chisel (sometimes called a forming chisel).

**froe:** tool used for splitting out shakes (sometimes called a splitting froe).

**gouge:** a chisel for cutting rounded holes in wood.

**hatchet:** a small ax with a short handle.

**hoe:** a tool used to break up the surface of the ground.

**holdfast:** something that holds, such as a hook, clamp or bolt.

**mortise & tenon:** a square hole (mortise) into which the shaped end (tenon) of some other part of a framework is fitted so as to form a joint.

**pickax:** a digging tool with a chisel edge on one end and a point on the other.

**plane:** a tool used to smooth the surface of woodwork by paring shavings from it.

**ploughshare:** the large pointed blade of a plow which cuts a slice of earth.

**reap hook:** a hook with a cutting edge used for cutting grain.

**rule:** a graduated strip of metal or wood used for measuring length.

**saw:** a cutting tool, one edge of which is a series of continuous teeth.

**sickle:** a hook with a serrated edge used for cutting grain.

**spade:** a digging tool, the handle is grasped and the foot used to push the blade into the ground.

**square:** a tool used for determining right angles.

**steelyard:** a weighing instrument that uses balances and counterweights.

**wedge:** a piece of wood, thick at one end and tapering at the other, used as a tool for splitting wood.

**whipsaw:** a long narrow 2-handed saw.