

Here's the Easy Way

REHANDLE TOOLS

with a

HICKORY HANDLE



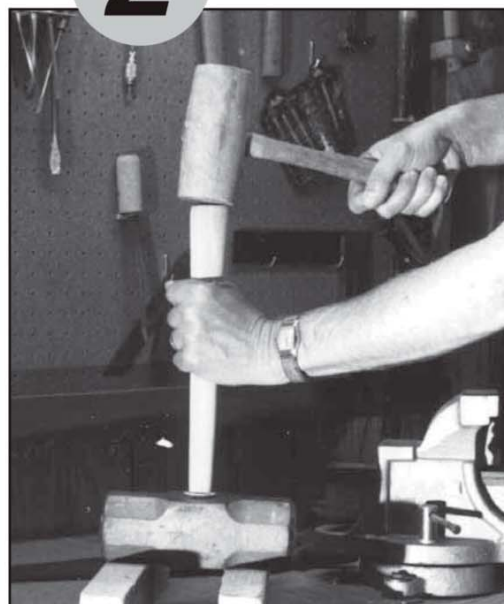
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Remove Old Handle



Your first step is to remove the worn out handle from the tool. Saw off the old handle as close to the tool as possible. Continue with each step in succession.

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Drive out the piece of the old handle remaining in the tool. Use a punch and a heavy hammer or mallet. Drive the piece out in the same direction as the handle was inserted. (See Note B)

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Check Size and Fit



Try the new handle for size. See if the new handle will start in the opening of the tool. If the new handle is too small, refer to "ORDER BY HANDLE NUMBER" and select the proper handle for the type and weight of tool. A slightly oversize handle is preferable, as not all tools are punched with the same size opening.

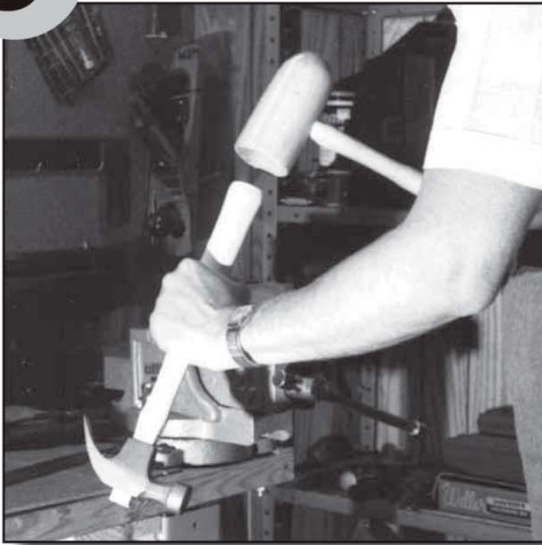
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If the new handle is too large, carefully remove excess wood evenly from all surfaces by using a rasp, course file or sandpaper until the handle will start in the outside opening of the tool. **DO NOT REMOVE MORE WOOD THAN IS NECESSARY.** The tightest possible fit is essential. (See Note A)

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Drive Handle in Tool



Lubricate the eye end of the handle with soap or oil. Start the handle in the tool and drive it as far as possible in the tool by striking the grip end with sharp blows, using a mallet or hammer with a face larger than the end of the handle. (See 5A)

5A



Sledge hammers, and similar tools, may be driven by holding the tool with both hands and striking the grip end of the handle on a concrete or hard surfaced floor. It is recommended that all tools be driven to at least 3/4" from the shoulder, smaller hammers should be driven to within 3/8" from the shoulder.

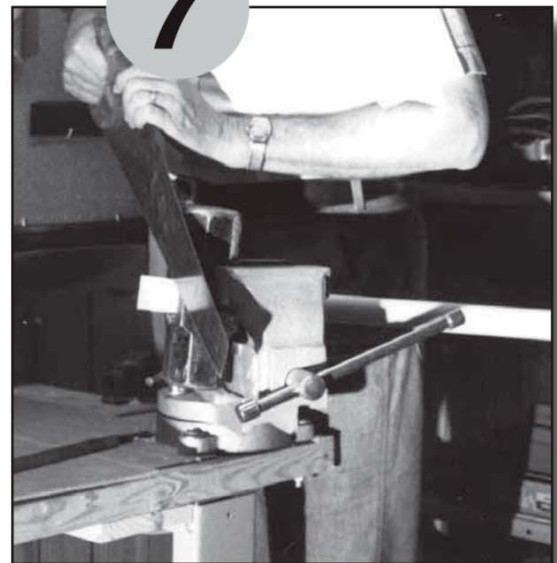
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Insert Wooden Wedge



Insert the wooden (supplied with the replacement handle) in the slot in the end of the handle and drive it as far as it will go by using a mallet or hammer.

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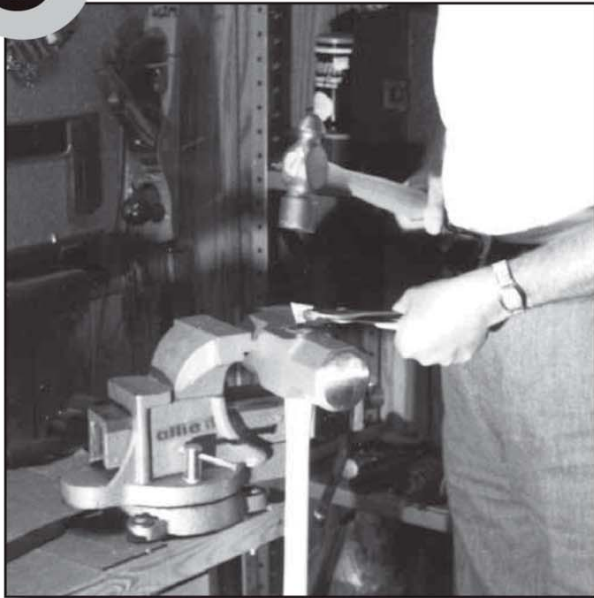


Trim off the protruding extension of the handle and wedge flush with the top edge of the tool.

Think Safety! Always Wear Safety Goggles While Using Any Tool!

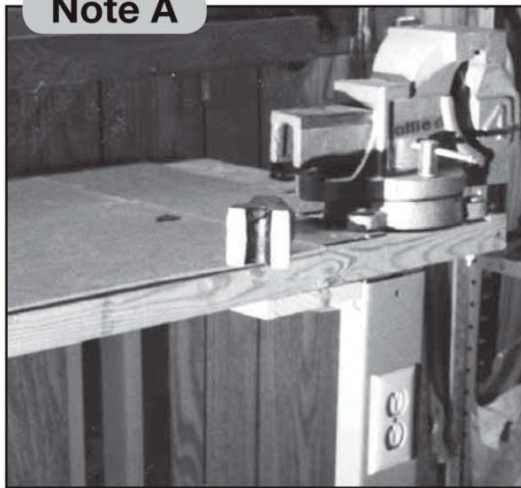
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Insert Steel Wedge



Drive the steel wedge (supplied with replacement hammer handles) flush across, or at an angle to, the wooden wedge in the end of the handle. (Note: Steel wedges are not required for Axes)

Note A



NOTE A: Most hammers are punched with a double taper (a larger opening at each end tapering down to a smaller opening in the center). This provides a wedging action on both sides of the tool after the handle is driven and the wedges are inserted. The Hickory Handle will compress, as it is driven, through the center section insuring a tight fit. *A TIGHT FIT IS ESSENTIAL AS IS GOOD, CAREFUL WEDGING.*

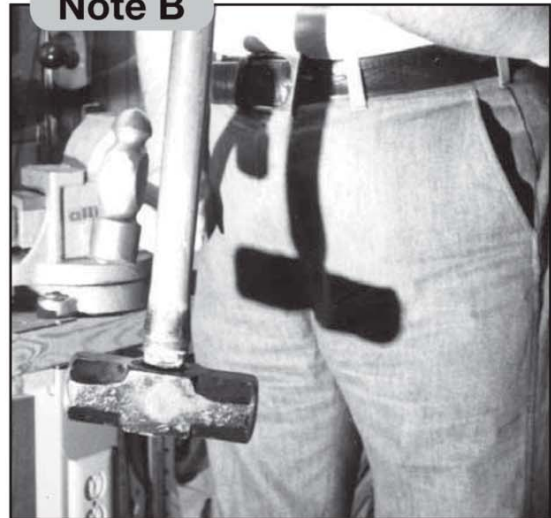
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Finished Tools



Tools are now ready for many more hours of productive and economical use.

Note B



NOTE B: Some tools are furnished from the factory using an epoxy to secure the handle in the tool. To remove an epoxy fastened handle, carefully heat the tool with a torch, or in an oven, to a range of 250°F to 350°F. This will soften the epoxy enough so that the tool can be driven off the end of the handle. *DO NOT OVERHEAT* in order to prevent damage to the temper of the tool!