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Ready to Step Up to a Shaper?

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A shaper offers many advantages over a router-table. The fence and controls are easier to use and more precise, but most importantly, even the heaviest cuts are much cleaner, even in end grain.

The secret is the larger cutters, which hit the wood at a shallower angle, shearing more than chopping. Plus, huge gullets extract the thickest chips easily. However, those same beefy, expensive cutters are the reason may woodworkers haven't upgraded to a shaper.

Shaper-tooling manufacturers have responded, offering cutterheads with sets of multiple insert cutters. CMT is leading the way with its 13-cutter Cabinet and Joinery and Molding and Profile sets. Each profile costs less than a high-end router bit.



One box, 13 profiles. CMT's shaper cutter sets combine 13 useful profiles with an aluminum cutterhead.