

## Marking Tools

Tools (whether for garden, home, car, or other uses) are easy to get mixed up if there are no identifying marks on them. Sometimes it's a case of tools not being returned to their proper location at your home, and sometimes it's a case of borrowed tools not getting returned to you (or you forgetting to return borrowed tools).



My tools within the house have an annoying habit of not making it back into my toolboxes. And we even have several sets of the same tools, so that hopefully my tools are where they belong when I need them. But still, they periodically come up missing and I have to hunt them down. (Hidden Object games on the computer are one thing – having to do that in real life is a pain!)

Tools can be etched with whatever identifying information you want – name, address, etc. Or, there are several easier ways to mark your tools. Use paint, nail polish, or colored tape. What medium you use might well depend on the tool shape, size, and where it gets used. Colored tape might not work well if a tool gets wet frequently.

Many tools have notches, grooves, or indentations that can be marked with your choice of color. You might consider a different color for each family member. Or maybe use a different color for each toolbox or general location. (We have several toolboxes, each for different sets of tools and stored in different locations.) When tools are discovered not in a regular tool location, they can be easily returned to the proper location for easy finding the next time they are needed.

I haven't marked all my tools just yet, but I'll be marking more of them during the coming months. In the meantime, when I run across one of my marked tools outside of a toolbox, I'm able to identify that it is one of mine and return it the box – where it will hopefully stay until I need it next.

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