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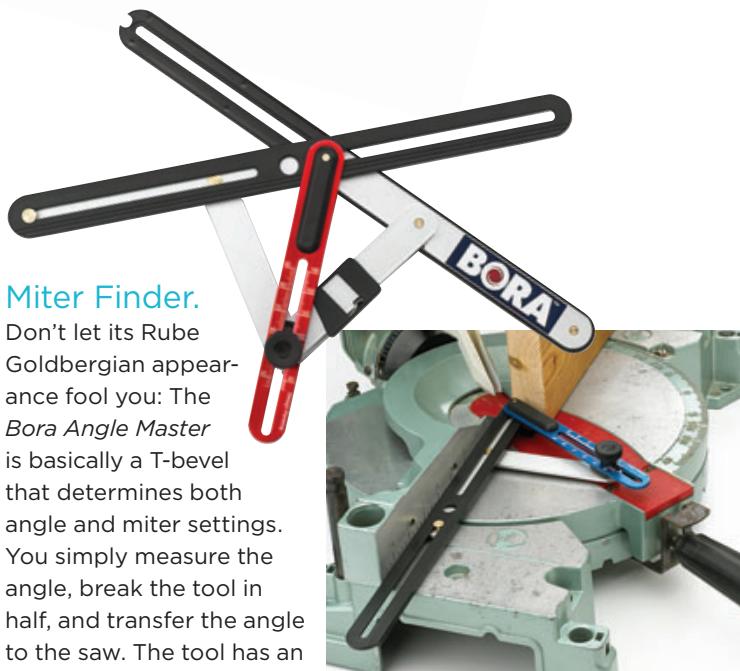
Double-Duty Stapler. Arrow's new *T50elite* is a manual tacker that fires 1-inch brads as well as 9/16-inch staples. According to the maker, it delivers 60 percent more power than the T50 — which has been around for over half a century — and is easier to squeeze. It also features a jam-resistant mechanism, a quick-load magazine, and a high-low power switch. It costs about \$30.

Arrow Fastener Co., 800/776-2228, arrowfastener.com.



Ergonomic Jigsaw. The *M12 Cordless High Performance Jigsaw* is one of the newest entries in Milwaukee's M12 lithium-ion line, which now contains more than 30 tools. The 8.75-inch-long 4.1-pound jigsaw's key feature is its handle, which the maker says combines the best features of barrel-grip and top-handle models and provides superior control. The tool costs \$120 alone, or \$200 in a kit with one battery, a 30-minute charger, and a soft-sided bag.

Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp., 800/729-3878, milwaukeetool.com.



Miter Finder. Don't let its Rube Goldbergian appearance fool you: The *Bora Angle Master* is basically a T-bevel that determines both angle and miter settings. You simply measure the angle, break the tool in half, and transfer the angle to the saw. The tool has an easy-to-read graduated scale and a twist-locking knob that won't slip, the maker says. You can find it online for about \$55.

Affinity Tool Works, 866/588-0395, affinitytool.com/bora.



Big Air. Jenny Products recently introduced four skid-mounted air compressors — two single-stage and two double-stage. All have cast-iron compressor pumps, Honda GX-series engines, and 30-gallon ASME-certified air tanks. Such details as protectively mounted fittings, enclosed belt guards, and large canister intake filters with replaceable elements should help prevent job-site breakdowns. Prices range from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Jenny Products, 814/445-3400, jennyproductsinc.com.