



Good Woodworking Kit & Tools

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Diamond geezers

These support blocks weren't available when I first looked at the Diamond Cross stones, so here they are now...



▲ The blocks allow the hones to sit flat while still allowing you to hold them firmly



▲ Used with the bench stone the rubber construction keeps everything secure to the bench

The support blocks are a clever design that takes into account the handles on the smaller stones, giving full support underneath with the handles sitting perfectly into the recesses for maximum support as well as lifting the stones clear of the bench for easier honing applications.

A couple of rare earth magnets within each block secures the stones firmly to each block as well as having an interlocking profile to make them credit card stone-compatible when linked as a pair.

With the stones secured to the blocks things become easier to control as the item being honed can be held with both hands if needed on the smaller stones as the block's rubber construction grips the work surface to keep things firmly in place.

In the case of the bench stone, the blocks have the all-important task of lifting chisel



▲ Importantly, it also lifts the stone high enough so that chisel handles are clear

handles clear of the bench so that you can flatten or back off tools without the handle fouling.

Conclusion

Whatever stone you go for, these blocks make them all that bit better, and if you opt for the biggest of the stones as your start point, the excellent bench one, they come as standard.



▲ A single block supports the smaller stones perfectly



▲ They can also be interlinked as a pair



▲ This now supports the full-sized credit card hone

Prices

Our product prices reflect typical values as we go to press. We cannot guarantee these prices, though, and thoroughly recommend that you shop around.

How we rate...

- ★ Don't get your hopes up or your wallet out!
- ★★ Well, it works but really needs improvement
- ★★★ Performs well, but you will find better
- ★★★★ Great performance and value for money
- ★★★★★ So good, even Andy would get his wallet out!

The Good Woodworking Verdict

- + Makes the stones more adaptable; frees up both hands if needed
- None

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: £9.96

Construction: rubber

Magnets: 2 per holder

Web: www.trend-uk.com