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# **Editors' Choice**

Our top picks for innovative new tools

#### 1 RYOBI P320 CORDLESS BRAD NAILER AND P360 NARROW-CROWN STAPLER

The attractively priced cordless brad nailer, part of Ryobi's One+ 18 Volt lineup, fires 18-gauge fasteners 5% inch to 2 inches long. Including the battery, the tool weighs just 6 pounds. Among its features are a tool-free adjustment for depth of drive, a dry-fire lockout, an LED light to illuminate the work area, and a toggle switch for shifting between single-shot and bump-fire operation. The narrow crown stapler, which fires 3%-inch to 11/2-inch narrowcrown staples, has many of the same features as the brad nailer. Sold without batteries, the stapler costs \$139 and the brad nailer is \$129. Ryobi tools are sold only at The Home Depot.

Ryobi Power Tools, 800.525.2579, ryobitools.com

### 2 MILWAUKEE CORDLESS RECIP SAW

Five years ago, reciprocating saws powered by lithium-ion batteries were only marginally prepared for the real-world rigors of a jobsite. That's no longer the case. Milwaukee's 2720 18-volt Fuel cordless reciprocating saw was the overall winner of our recent test. It was able to take as much pressure as the operator could dish out without bogging down, and showed only medium vibration. Its rounded-over profile is hand-friendly and easy to grip. The Quik-Lok clamp makes blade changes a snap, and the saw is equipped with an LED lamp. The saw is guaranteed for five years; the batteries for three. The online price for the saw in a one-battery kit is about \$300; purchased bare it's about \$200. Milwaukee, 800.729.3878, milwaukeetool.com

#### **3 HANDIBOT PORTABLE CNC** MACHINE

CNC machines are fixtures in many machine and mill shops but Handibot is the first one designed to be taken into the field. The 40-pound tool cuts or carves in a field 6 inches by 8 inches by 3¼ inches deep, but with an accessory track, the Handibot also can be used to cut stair stringers or complicated rafter tails. You'll need your own PC or tablet running Windows, but the company promises