

Virtual Shop Hop, by John Harkless

My woodworking experience goes back to the days of making scooters out of roller skates and orange crates, and soap box derby cars out of orange crates and fifty pounds of rusty nails. My expertise hasn't advanced near as far as the years, but I still like making saw dust.

You are always invited to stop by, but unless you visit the casino in Coarsegold you are not likely to visit my shop which is four miles above the casino and around to the south side of Quartz Mountain. I have a space about 12 feet by 13 feet in front of my cars in the garage, plus about 6 feet of space on the opposite wall. I've hung cabinets from a bathroom remodel, one was damaged in shipment and one was ordered too large (unfortunately they got it right the third time) on this wall.

I've installed a small dust collection system including a long hose which is used for vacuuming. I have a Craftsman table saw to which I've added a router table with a homemade lift. This lift is crude, but it works. I have a chop saw and a Delta planner each of which is mounted on a roll around cabinet. I've mounted a grinder and a midi lathe (on which I've turned numerous pens and am taking the turning class in order to turn small bowls) on my roll around work bench. My workbench is "full" so I have to use my table saw for a work area. A floor standing drill press completes a list of my tools, except for hand and small power tools. The workbench and three roll around cabinets are all homemade.

I'm in the process of rearranging my wall hanging "stuff". I've hung four ¾" plywood boards on which I hang jigs, clamps, straight edges, and other accessories. I'm rebuilding two homemade cabinets and am currently making the doors. All items on the walls are cleat mounted for ease of moving when I change my mind.

With that and the accompanying picture(s) you've "seen" my shop and have saved, depending on where you live, about a 75 to 80 mile round trip. Thanks for "visiting".



