

PRICE: £22.77

Trend pocket hole plug cutter



Trend's pocket hole plug cutter is designed to cut accurate 9.5mm (3/8in) diameter plugs to fill the angular holes drilled with their pocket hole jig.

The cutter is made from tool steel and has a complex cutting edge geometry which cuts very cleanly. The design of the tool allows you to cut plugs up to 52mm long.

Using the cutter

For functional plugs, you need to do the cutting into end grain, and a solid support and drill stand or drill press is essential for this to ensure they'll be a tight fit. You clamp the selected timber against a solidly fixed vertical face.

If you're a heavy user of pocket hole fixings, it'll be well worth your while making up

a solid fence from plywood or MDF that you can clamp up to the drill press table.

The drilling operation separates out a cylinder of long-grain timber within the stock you're using, but you need another step to create the plugs. You can separate them by cross-

cutting with a handsaw, but a bandsaw is a very convenient alternative. The instructions warn against using a circular saw or saw bench, as the rotating blade can fire out the plugs like projectiles. I used a bandsaw for this test.

Verdict

Accurate, well-designed tooling – an excellent accessory for pocket hole jointing work.

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Performance ★★★★★

Value for money ★★★★★



Glue the plugs into their pre-drilled holes



Cut off the excess when the glue has dried



The finished plugs reveal a neat, oval cross-section