Trend Loc Blocks



here are lots of types of bench 'Cookies' on the market now, most of them round, but now Trend have launched an interlocking version. These are proving surprisingly useful in the British Woodworking workshop, mainly because they are so versatile, and once locked together form a solid platform for small jobs, and can then be separated for larger work. For instance, we used them while testing plunge saws recently, to raise sheet material off the bench. Admittedly it helps if you have eight of them for that task so that the pieces you are cutting don't flex at the end of the cut. Locking the Blocks in pairs means that you have a clearer idea of where they are. Making them into one 'island' is good for sanding, routing and assembling small projects, as Nick Gibbs found when gluing up his bog oak piece this month (below). Somehow being square (90x90mm) makes them feel more secure than some of the round versions.

Details Trend Loc Blocks typically from about £13.50inc.VAT; measuring 90x90x28mm; details from trend-uk.com.

