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■ POWER TOOLS

Trusty trim router cuts the cord

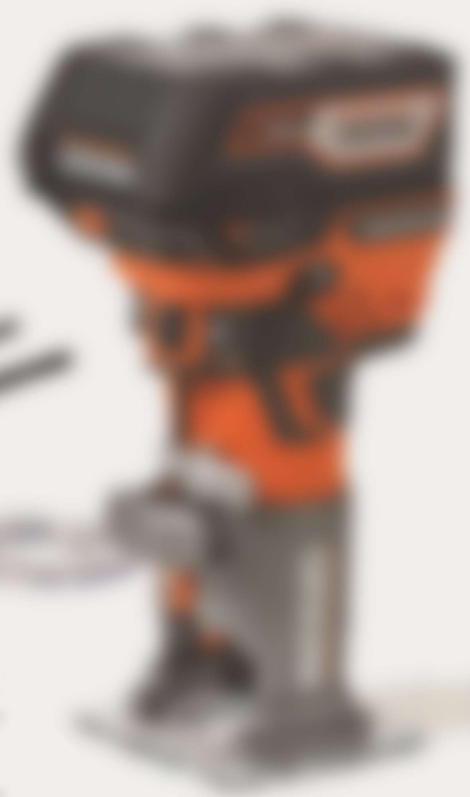
THE SMALL SIZE OF THIS ROUTER makes it a perfect fit for all sorts of trimwork tasks. The routing is tight, consistent and accurate along an edge, creating finger- and flange-like surfaces for delicate work. Despite its size, the router can handle just about all the good trimwork of the router world, including joint and depth adjustment, a flush-trim bit, a roundover bit, and an open-flute bit that gives a clean, finger-like finish. It makes getting around corners a breeze, all without the going to the shop.

The router's motor is quiet and runs cool. It's not even that big, and it's not that heavy. It's a 12-in. long, 1.5-in. wide, 1.5-in. high router. It's a 12-in. long, 1.5-in. wide, 1.5-in. high router. It's a 12-in. long, 1.5-in. wide, 1.5-in. high router. It's a 12-in. long, 1.5-in. wide, 1.5-in. high router.

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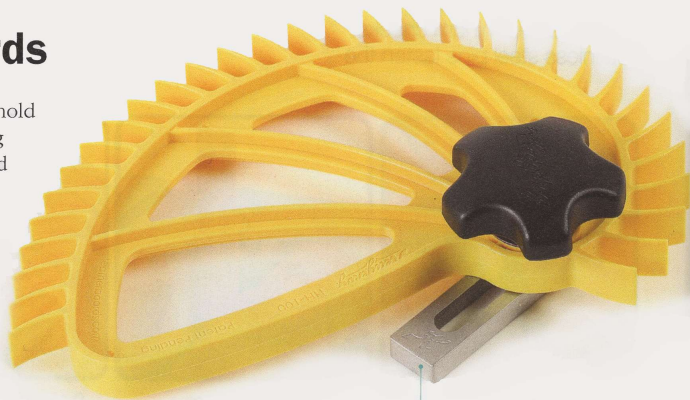
Trim router by Festo
Model: TRIM-12
\$120 (with carrying case)

■ ACCESSORIES

A new twist on featherboards

I OFTEN WORK WITH NARROW PIECES, which requires me to hold the workpiece against the fence of a machine while keeping my hands away from the cutter. This is where a featherboard comes in handy. But traditional models require multiple adjustments to get the pressure right, especially when you have pieces that differ in width. The Hedgehog is different. Its spiral shape and single knob made it easy to set up and fast to adjust without sacrificing safety or consistency. For boards of various widths, you just spin the featherboard. And while I typically don't like items with only one locking mechanism because a single lock can act like a pivot point, I didn't notice any movement when using the Hedgehog. It allowed me to run stock safely and get a consistent cut. I really liked the easy-to-grasp knob, too. The Hedgehog is reversible, so it can be used from either side of the cutter. Plus, with the stacking accessory (\$7.50), you can secure one on top of another tool-free.

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Featherboard
by Hedgehog
\$32