

# HAMMERS for a CARPENTER



These are the three main hammers I use. I also have a couple of Estwing Steel handled hammers, 16 finish and 22oz. framer to use for demo work and to loan out to the carpenters that come to work and leave their hammer and/or all their tools at home.

Top one is a Stiletto framing hammer, weighs 13 oz. since I pointed the claws. Read **"More than a Hammer"** in Procedures and **"Driving a nail"** in the book **"50 years as a Carpenter"** on this site [www.carpenterbooks.com](http://www.carpenterbooks.com) about why I point my hammer claws to a 3/16" claw point (sharp). I and many of you can too, drive a 12 penny sinker into pine with a starting blow and then sink it with the second blow. We can also do this with this 13oz. hammer just as easy as using a 28oz, Estwing or 28 oz. Vaughan framing hammer or even a 4# sledge hammer. You carpenters that own Stiletto's already know this. The weight of the hammer has little to do with the procedure and speed of driving a nail. The one in the middle is a Stiletto finish hammer that weighs 9 oz. Both of these Titanium Stiletto's cost about a \$100 each. Available online at [www.stiletto.com](http://www.stiletto.com) or [www.milwaukee.com](http://www.milwaukee.com), some of the smarter tool stores are selling them now.

The bottom one is one that I have had for decades; it's a Vaughan 10 finish hammer that now weighs the same as the middle one, 9 oz. only it is half the size. I have large hands and I wrapped the handle with a tennis racket wrap. I doubled it at the bottom to prevent slippage, same concept as the two above have a curved axe handle. A straight handled hammer will tire your arm twice as fast as a curved or wrapped handle will. You young carpenters will realize this the first time you drive a 50# box of 16 duplex nails in one day as many of us older and, sometimes, wiser carpenters have done. The Stiletto's are worth every penny if you are going to make a career and a living as a carpenter, just don't pull nails with a wooden hammer handle larger than a 4p finish or box nail. They make nail pullers to pull nails with.

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