

**TOOLS
FOR
TAKING
THINGS
APART**

A DISMANTLEFESTO* BY ROB RAY

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For more information and inspiration see <http://opposablepodcast.com/24>

Add a tool to this manifesto!
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RAZOR BLADES

Since 1880 the disposable safety razor blade has been really good at dismantling hair. I'd guess that it didn't take long for someone to realize it was handy for lots of other things.

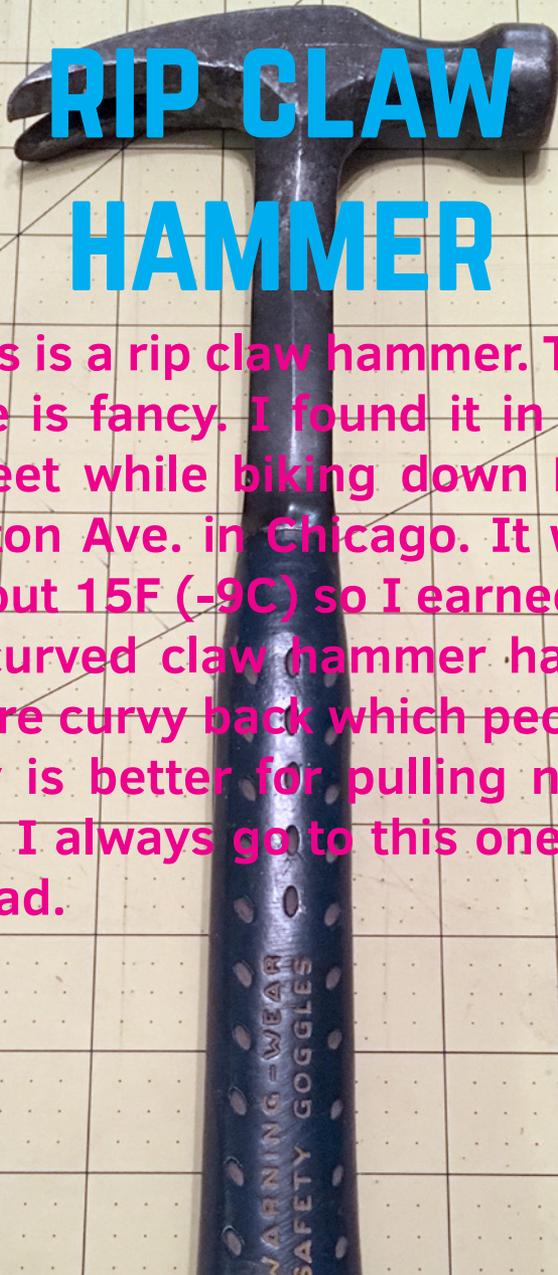


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RIP CLAW HAMMER

This is a rip claw hammer. This one is fancy. I found it in the street while biking down Fullerton Ave. in Chicago. It was about 15F (-9C) so I earned it. A curved claw hammer has a more curvy back which people say is better for pulling nails but I always go to this one instead.

WARNING-WEAR
SAFETY GOGGLES

HEADLAMP

Looking very very dorky is a small price to pay for having both hands free.



SAFETY GLASSES

When taking things apart at least 1% of the material will fly directly at your face.



SCISSORS

This pair of scissors is nothing special. Great for collaging and funny haircuts.



A pair of black nitrile gloves is laid out on a light-colored tiled surface. The gloves are positioned with the palms facing each other, fingers spread. The tiles are square with a grid pattern and small circular indentations. The text 'LIGHT GLOVES' is overlaid in the center in a bright blue, bold, sans-serif font.

LIGHT GLOVES

Gloves give me a super power I don't have when I don't have gloves on. I don't know what it is. It might kinda be like why some wrestlers wear a mask. The costume makes the super-hero.

CRESCENT WRENCH

The crescent wrench offends many people. It is easy to strip nuts with this wrench. It also never opens as wide as you need it too. But it is really handy.



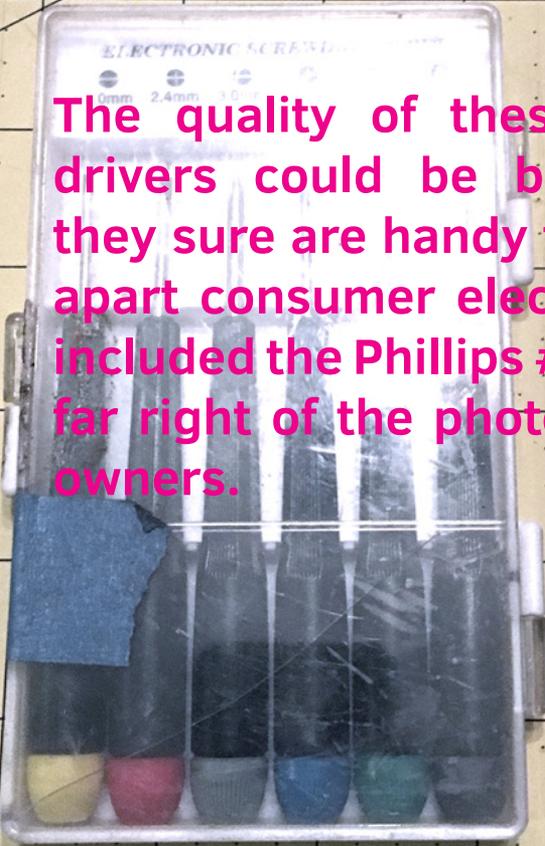
MARKERS

Good surgeons mark where they're going to cut. We should too.



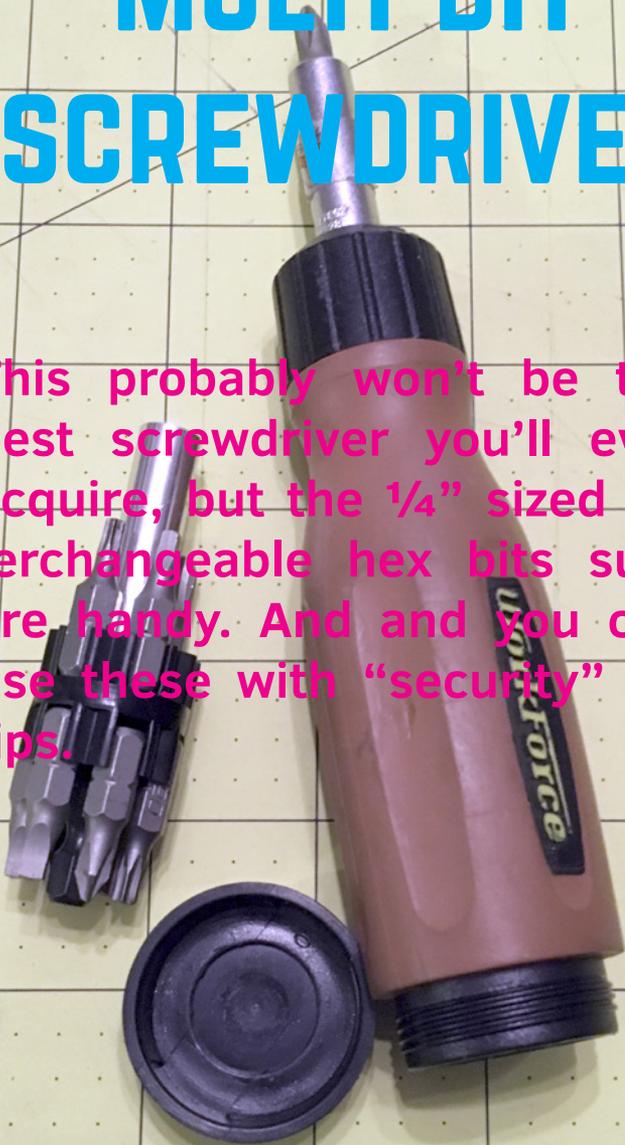
SMALL SCREWDRIVERS

The quality of these screwdrivers could be better but they sure are handy for taking apart consumer electronics. I included the Phillips #00 in the far right of the photo for Mac owners.



MULTI-BIT SCREWDRIVER

This probably won't be the best screwdriver you'll ever acquire, but the 1/4" sized interchangeable hex bits sure are handy. And you can use these with "security" bit tips.



SECURITY BIT SET

Security screws are just screws with funny shaped heads. So you just get yourself a set of funny shaped bits and Viola! No more security!



RIGHT ANGLE SCREWDRIVER

Something is always in the way
of the thing you're trying to get
to.

A right-angle screwdriver with a black handle and a silver metal shaft, lying diagonally on a light-colored grid background. The handle is at the bottom left, and the tip is at the top right. The tip is a standard Phillips screwdriver bit.

WIRE CUTTERS



Does what it says. They come in many sizes. In the photo is a pair of sidecutters used for cutting small electronics wires. They are too small for things

WIRE STRIPPERS

Removes the plastic sheath from the wire. It is more fun than it sounds.



AVIATION SNIPS

Really great for cutting sheet metal up to about 18 gauge. Sheet metal is ornery so there's 3 different types of snips. The yellow handled snips cut straight. The green handled snips cut to the right (clock-wise). The red handled snips cut to the left (counter-clock-wise).



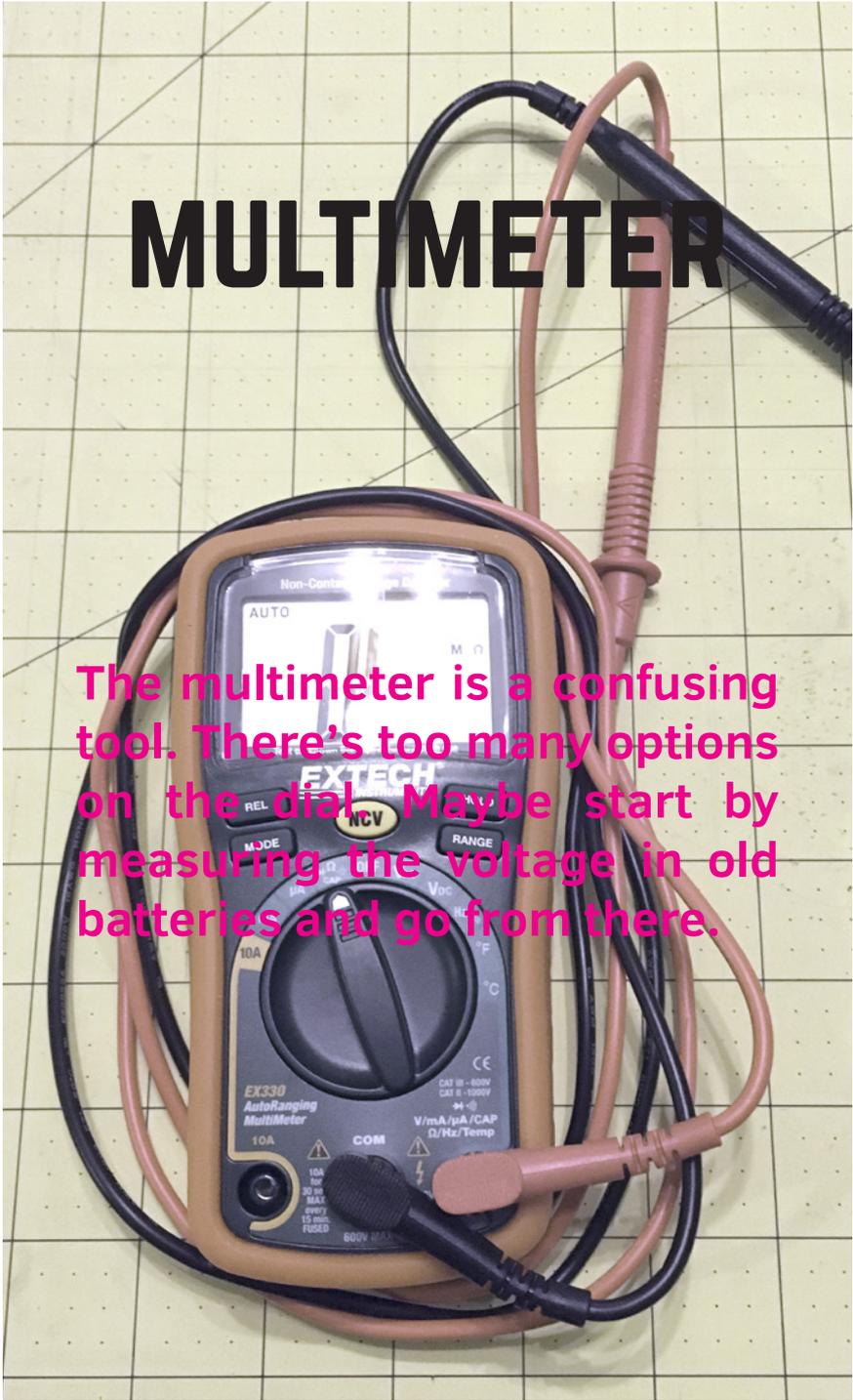
HEX WRENCHES

Hex nuts are darn common. I always think of them in IKEA furniture but there's plenty on my bicycle too.

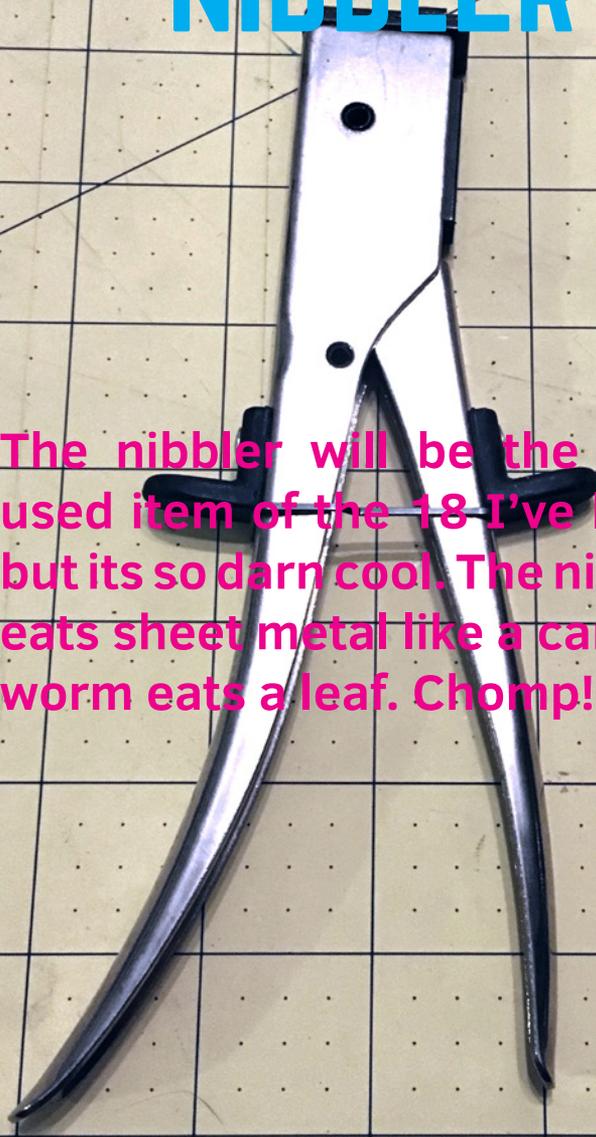


MULTIMETER

The multimeter is a confusing tool. There's too many options on the dial. Maybe start by measuring the voltage in old batteries and go from there.



NIBBLER

A metal nibbler tool with two black handles and a long, curved metal body. The tool is lying on a perforated metal sheet. The word "NIBBLER" is written in large, blue, bold letters across the top of the image.

The nibbler will be the least used item of the 18 I've listed but its so darn cool. The nibbler eats sheet metal like a cartoon worm eats a leaf. Chomp!

