

Workshop Tips™

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Drill press butler

Ever wonder why drill presses don't come with bit storage? Make your own pivoting rack from scrap wood and put drill bits, sanding drums, hole saws and countersinks right at your fingertips. Here's how:

- Design a shelf to hold all your drilling accessories. The length, width and overall design are up to you.
- Screw the shelf to a 1x3 "arm" cut to a convenient length.
- Screw the other end of the 1x3 to the horizontal leaf of a 4-in. light T-hinge, attaching the leaf so it's behind the 1x3 when mounted on the drill press column.
- Mount the rack on the column with two large hose clamps. In use, the column end of the 1x3 will butt against the column to limit how far the rack can pivot, so rotate the hinge location on the column to stop the rack's forward travel right where you want it. Thanks to reader Ray Kimberley for inspiring the design of this valuable drill press accessory.

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