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Meet Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp



... and shoot the big guns at *your* OK workshop



Here's how to place your order now. . . .



Hi Everyone! It took a year to bring my new open-handled dovetail saws to market, but the saws are now shipping, and they pass muster with some of the finest woodworkers around.

"Hands down, the best working dovetail saw I have ever used."

--Tom Fidgen
[The Unplugged Woodshop](#)
Toronto, Canada



Read Tom's Review

Method #1: Make a deposit online. Go directly to the product pages from my website linked below:

[10" Dovetail Saw](#) *new*

[10" Carcase Saw](#) *new*

[12" Hybrid Dovetail/Small Tenon Saw](#)
new

[12" Carcase Saw](#)

[14" Sash Saw](#)

[16" Tenon Saw](#)



Read Shannon Rogers' Review

"It is easily the best saw I have used. Sucks into a line like it's on rails, and cuts arrow-straight. If you are in the market for a saw of any type just go to Bad Axe and don't look back."

--Shannon Rogers

[18" Large Tenon Saw](#)

[The Roubo Beastmaster](#)

[Bad Axe Miter Box Saws](#) *coming*

[Restored Vintage Handsaws](#)

Method #2: [Call me at 715-586-0233](#), and I will take your order and deposit over the phone. Just have your credit card handy.

More Feedback

"Looks incredible, feels unbelievable, cuts amazingly; thanks, Mark, for the best dovetail saw ever made."

--Bruce Watson
Mississauga, Ontario



"I have tried almost every dovetail saw available today, including the now no longer available one from Andrew Lunn. The latter had been my favorite until I got this new one, the 15 thou, from Mark. It is as good as Andrew's, IMHO, and I think there is little chance that Mark will be retiring soon. It cuts cleanly, thinly, and almost effortlessly. This is the one dovetail saw to buy. Just say AnnieO sent you."

--Deborah Chalsty
Sebastopol, CA



[The Renaissance WoodWorker](#)
[The Hand Tool School](#)

"Mark has created a pair of saws that will compete with your favorite dovetail saw, and win that competition hands-down."

--Derek Olson
[OldWolf Workshop](#)
[Studio](#)

La Crosse, Wisconsin



[Read Derek Olson's Review](#)

"Why do I want these saws?"

Simply put, because they feel and cut just right. Considerable thought went into the design process, not the least of which involved [great input from my facebook participants](#). Here are the highlights for your consideration:

- **American Open Handles:** The 10" dovetail saw handle is patterned after a Wheeler Madden Clemson design from the 1870's, and the 12" hybrid dovetail/small tenon saw replicates a rare Disston from the same era. In both cases, I have adjusted the hang angle and span between upper and lower horns to maximize balance, fit, and comfort of fit.
- **Better Hang Angle:** With this saw, *you* are in control. I challenge you to find a more comfortably-fitting dovetail saw handle available anywhere with the kind of hang angle that gets you behind the push stroke instead of riding awkwardly on top of it.
- **Mass:** The weight and mass of the carbon steel back, particularly when combined with the weight of the mesquite handle (twice the weight of cherry) provides just the right heft and balance for starting and maintaining a straight cut-line without forcing the cut.
- **Two thin-plate options:** The .015 or optional .018 thin plate with its hammer-set toothline slices through wood like a new razor, leaving behind an exceptionally clean, thin kerf.

"The Hybrid dovetail/tenon saw is, in a word, exceptional. The saw cuts straight, smooth and accurately. A dedicated dovetail saw I have from another well regarded saw maker isn't even close by comparison."

--Jeff Carlson, Woodbury, MN



". . . after a week of use, 'Wyatt Earp' is quickly becoming one of my favorite saws in the till. This may be in part due to the design, but the teeth and set are perfectly tuned. Right out of the box, it cuts straight as an arrow and starting a cut is quite easy. The weight and extra length make for fast going, yet it is smooth enough to make a dovetail that fits together without 'tweaking' after the cut."

**--Tom Quatsoe
Lake in the Hills, Illinois**



"Just last week I received both the Doc Holiday and Wyatt Earp, as well as the 16" 'Jack Saw' from What can I say except WOW!!! I previously bought a few saws from a reputable company and have been using them intently over the last year, practicing my dovetails etc. While they work quite well, the very first time I put my Bad Axes saw(s) to wood I quickly learned the difference between a good

- **And then there's my reputation as a sawfiler**, which I mention in all humility: a saw is only as good as it cuts, no matter how comfortably it fits in the hand or how good it looks. I remind myself of this imperative with each saw I build. Remember that with a Bad Axe saw, it's the owner of the company personally sharpening up your toothline based on your input and requirements.

What's New: Mesquite handles and the Black Pearl Nickel-Plated Finish on the backs

There's a new wood in Tombstone for 2011: I led my facebook visitors on with a guessing game recently regarding a new wood species I wanted to introduce with [Doc Holliday](#), and his compadre, [Wyatt Earp](#) (the 12" open-handle version of my hybrid dovetail/small tenon saw). And now it's time to reveal the wood:



Mesquite. That's right, mesquite--an attractive, yet quite rugged species capable of sinking a taproot 120' down in the arid soils of the American southwest, and harder than a whole barrel full of woodpecker lips. Seriously, mesquite is almost twice as hard as white oak; the [Janka Scale](#) rates mesquite as simply the hardest wood native to North American species. Like Texans themselves, mesquite has an enduring beauty and resilient character borne of droughts, wet years, cold snaps and extended heat waves (I guess I can say that as a recovering redneck originally from southeast Oklahoma). And apart from its natural beauty and innate toughness, the tangential fibers of mesquite shrink evenly while curing, so what we have here is an incredibly stable, attractive, and underutilized wood species just begging for service in the hand tool world--and Bad Axe brings it out now for the appeal of your eye, and the warmth in your hand as you ply your craft. You won't be disappointed--Mesquite rocks.

Also new for 2011 is the black pearl nickel-plated finish available for the sawback on my new dovetail saws. Nickel-

saw, and a GREAT saw! I know they say that tools don't make the woodworker, but I can safely say that they made this wannabe woodworker just a little bit better in the cut!"

**-- Bob Blakeborough,
Airdrie, Alberta**



"Megan (Fitzpatrick), a beautiful review. I received the Wyatt Earp last week with the open Texas Honey Mesquite handle and the nickle plated sawback. It is the combination Dovetail/Small Tenon in a rip configuration at 14 ppi. It is an amazing saw and cuts like a dream. I have used it on soft maple, walnut and cocobolo so far and have had no issue holding the line. All in all a great saw and I am glad to have it."

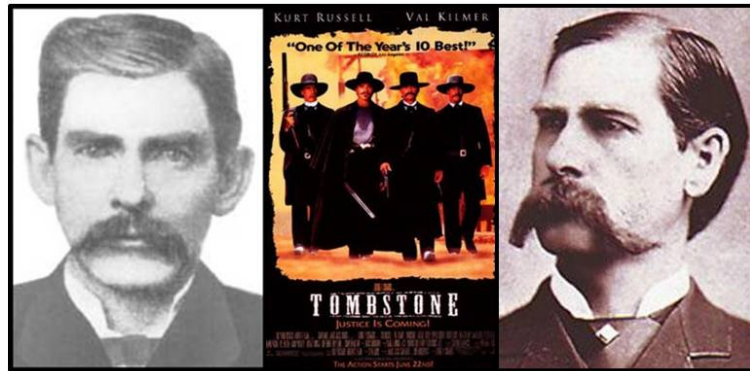
**--Fred West
Chester, PA**



". . . I'm re-naming Doc to Annie Oakley--she really, really wants to stay in my tool chest and become my go-to saw for carcass DTs."

**--Megan Fitzpatrick
Managing Editor,
[Popular Woodworking Magazine](#)**

plating is particularly durable, on par with stainless steel in its ability to withstand the corrosive nature of humidity and coastal air on carbon steel. You'll find this finish on high-end firearms, and on other applications where form and substance converge at a high level. And on that note, it looks just great--the deep black pearl lustre of this finish with its subtle copper undertone on carbon steel polished at 400 grit not only looks fabulous, but serves a completely practical role with its corrosion resistance. With proper care, your saw will look just as good a century from now as it does today.



Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp

"What's up with the nicknames?"

I'm a visual kind of guy, and metaphors bring things to life for me. So when I began matching mesquite up with 4140 gunmetal alloys and high-end firearms finishes, the movie [Tombstone](#) sprang to mind. Remember when Val Kilmer playing Doc Holliday faces down bad guy Johnny Ringo with a little tin cup? I loved that scene. So I know it's a bit of a stretch, but I do believe my new Bad Axe dovetail saws will outcut any dovetail or small tenon requirement you dare to throw down in front of them. Just eat your Wheaties and move out smartly.

So there's the Bad Axe Dovetail Saw update. I owe a special 'Thank You!' to those of you who ordered from the first production run, many of whom have given Bad Axe their generous patronage from the start. I really hope to see you at WIA, so we can knock a few cold ones back while swapping lies about what we really do in our woodshops.

Cheers!



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