Building a Gingery Shaper, Version 1.0

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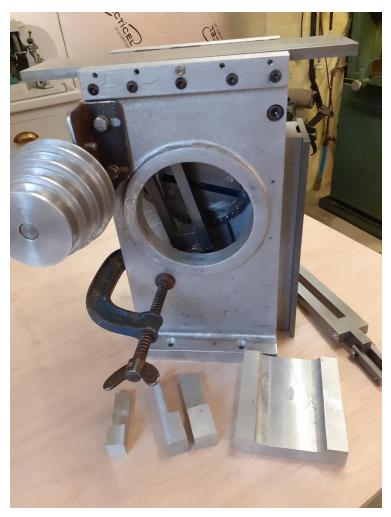
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Casting parts for my shaper demands a furnace. Mine burns waste oil.



I used oil based molding sand. Here you see one of the two side plates. The hole has a raised lip which is an improvement over the plans from Mr. Gingery.



The parts arer starting to come together. Except for storebought fasteners, each part represents many hours of enjoyable effort.

Yes, this will become a useful tool in my shop, but the greatest value is in the experience of creating it. I started with some blocks of wood to make patterns, a pile of scrap aluminum, and plenty of used motor oil. It didn't take long to realize that the skills I aquired can take me on many adventures.



While all aluminum parts were cast, the steel parts were machined from bar stock.



It is a great feeling when the parts all fit together.





Here is a project only made possible because of the skills I developed making the shaper.

The shaper build is a many months project. It is nice to be able to take a short side trip to building another tool.

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