

# More of an Attitude than a Custom Tool, version 1.1

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I hesitated to write this short article because it is almost too simple to mention. But maybe it will spark more advanced ideas in the readers.



Yup, this is a common sprayer from Ace Hardware. I use it to spray Roundup. The instructions on the bottle of Roundup says to mix 3 ounces of the defoliant with 1 gallon of water. That ratio is buried deep in the pamphlet stuck to the side of the bottle. I use this stuff about twice a year and don't trust my memory. It then occurred to me that if I labeled the water level in the sprayer with the amount of Roundup needed, I wouldn't need to trust my memory anymore. The 1 gallon level is marked "3 oz" and the 2 gallon level is marked "6 oz".

Old guy problem solved.

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My friend Dan Benoit wrote:

I got tired of reaching in my toolbox for my tap drilling chart to find the right bit to use as a tap drill. I have one of those multiset kits with 100 plus bits in it! One day it occurred to me to mark the tap sizes on the holes with the proper bit in it for the tap I needed right on the box.



Now when I open the box to find the bit I need, the tap number is marked right on the box! I think that clear labeling tape would work even better.

Thanks Dan!

I welcome your comments and questions.

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