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Subject: Great. Now I need a band saw

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I thought it would end with the tablesaw. After getting a tablesaw this summer, a really nice dado set on ebay, and building several crosscut sleds, vertical fence, I now do 80% of my projects with it. However, I've now convinced myself that I need a bandsaw too because I'm tired of cutting 8/4 hardwood with a jigsaw. I don't have a dedicated shop. Everytime I need to use machinery, I have to bring it out from the shed, so portability is a requirement. If anyone's familiar with bandsaws, I'd appreciate advice on the following:- what is the minimum size I should look at? 10", 12" 14"? I don't want to go any bigger than 14"- how does rated hp translate to real-world cutting power? Will the entry level 1/3 hp be able to cut 8/4 hardwood cleanly? Will I need 1/2 hp, 3/4 hp or full 1 hp of power?- what other brands should I look into outside of Delta and Craftsman?thx,gar.

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