Subject: My new tool is a Spin Saw Posted by lon on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 04:53:30 GMT

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I am just back form a discussion at rec.woodworking abouthow to use a spin saw and it's attachments. They initially dissed me for getting one of these things. I explained I don't have a shop and the fact that a spin saw(Rotozip type) sends the waste down rather than into air. I also referred to the project which is down below inin this forum called "most excellent project from Canada". Was wondering as to what the opinions might be from the readers here directly on the topic of spin saws: Who uses them who does not and why? The photos from the 'most excellent' project showar fream/page 3 that the guy is using a standard 1/4 shank roundover bit. I'm hoping to do the same as wellas some small chamfer and rabbet techniques. In the case that someone offers some extreme drawback,I have not used the device yet. It is still in the box.I can take it back and say that some stupid person got itfor me for Father's Day and offload the embarrassment.:-| Oddly, I sent a mail to the guy with the most excellentslideshow but got no reply. lon@athenet.net

Subject: Re: My new tool is a Spin Saw

Posted by Dean Kukral on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 13:35:10 GMT

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I have a RotoZip, but have not used it a lot. (You can use it with a circle cutter attachment to cut circular holes for woofers.) I used mine when I built a TV stand with two shelves beneath for stereo equipment. After I had it set up, I realized that I needed more new, bigger holes to run wires. It is easy to start a cut and proceed in a fairly tight place. It is somewhat difficult to control and sends sawdust all over. I think it is a luxury for a homeowner, but a really neat tool for a tradesman that has to cut holes in walls, because it is easier to use than a saber saw, but harder to control. Most holes are covered by some sort of faceplate, so perfection is not necessary. It is pretty easy to break the bits if you are not careful.