Here’s a quick project proving that sometimes the simplest projects can be the most useful ... and best of all, the estimated cost to build is 10¢ (maybe 25¢ in some localles). Looking at this simple approach, one can immediately see all sorts of variations to suit one’s individual needs on the work bench.

**SOME APPLICATIONS . . .**

- Assembly jig for cables, wiring and soldering connectors
- Holding circuit boards, panels, etc. for assembly, soldering or painting.
- Cigarette holder (In the 60’s, known as a “roach clip”)

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**Left-hand or Vertical Usage**

- Secure with wood screw
- Wooden clothes pins
- Piece of 2x4
- 1x2 Furring Strips

**Right-hand or Horizontal Usage**

- Wooden clothes pins
- Wood screws or finish nails
- 3/8” or 1/2” Plywood

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**Piece of 2x4**

- The 1x2 furring strips can be affixed with wood glue or recessed wood screws. An alternative approach is shown to the right, using two pieces of plywood cut to the same size. Making it square on all sides, like a box, makes it very useful by positioning it in different configurations.

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**Electronic Hombrewer’s "Hints & Kinks"**

The AMBIDEXTROUS THIRD-HAND

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