



Honing the flute of a gouge using the accessory honing wheel



The pigtail mandrel and polishing mop accessory



The cutter holder accessory

other accessories. Firstly, by fitting an arbor to the drive pulley, a 3in rubberised honing wheel can be used. The wheel is supplied with a flat edge, but can easily be shaped. I found it useful for honing the flutes of my gouges. The side of the honing wheel can also be used to hone the bevel of flat tools such as skewers, carving tools or woodworker's chisels.

Secondly, the honing wheel arbor can be replaced with a pigtail mandrel. This allows for a 4in polishing mop to be used. Again this can be used for polishing the bevels of carving tools.

I used the machine to sharpen a number of my turning tools both freehand and with the jigs supplied



The accessory in use on a scraper tip



Using the fingernail profiler to sharpen a bowl gouge

with it. It is a very simple machine to use and gives a keen, repeatable edge time after time.

## Advantages

There are several advantages I see with the ProEdge over a bench grinder. Firstly it is cool cutting, avoiding the heat generated by a bench grinder.

Secondly, I think it produces a finer grind on the bevel than can be achieved by the majority of wheels on a bench grinder and thirdly, although this is more subjective, since it doesn't run as fast as a bench grinder and, for that reason, particularly for the less experienced, it is not as intimidating and is arguably safer. I liked the ProEdge very much and, before I have to

return it, I am going to have a session in my workshop sharpening all my woodworking chisels and carving tools.

It should be noted that the ProEdge is currently only available in the UK and there is a patent pending. ■

## Price and contacts

Standard system: £239

ProEdge Plus: £299.

The ProEdge Plus comes with jigs and extra belts.

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