K5 adds speedy settings and onboard storage

Kreg's newest-generation pocket-hole jig, the K5, has features that enable you to drill pocket holes easier than ever. Three easy steps set up the jig for workpiece thickness: First, you set the drill-guide depth to match the workpiece thickness. (A simple spring-loaded pin and easily readable markings make this a breeze.) Next, you insert the drill bit into the guide, set its depth using the included gauge block, and secure the stop collar, as shown at bottom. Finally, with the workpiece in position on the jig, use the coarse-adjustment button to set the clamp close to the workpiece, and toggle the front-mounted handle to secure the workpiece.

I tested the K5 with boards ranging from ½" to 1½" thick, and each time I adjusted the jig settings it was simple and spot-on. In addition, this jig comes with side extensions that both support the workpiece and store accessories, such as the drill and driver bits and setup tools.

The K5 comes with a three-hole drill guide for standard pocket holes, and also accepts Kreg's Micro ($50) and HD ($60) drill guides that work on ½"- and 1½"-thick stock, respectively.

—Tested by Steve Feeney

Pocket-hole jig (K5)

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