

April's List of Essential Tools:

- wet-dry sand paper
- drywall sanding screens
- cabinet scraper for scraping plaster to get a flat edge
- misc. files for shaping plaster
- surforms for carving and shaping plaster
- wire brush to clean the files and surforms
- WD40 to protect steel tools from rust after cleaning
- clay shaping tools for claying up the model
- wooden knives for cutting and scraping the plasticine on the edges of cottle boards.
- soft, wax based plasticine for filling gaps
- level
- spring loaded clamps to hold the cottle boards in place while they are positioned
- screw down clamps for use while constructing the mold
- metal spoon for carving keys
- cheap brush for mold soap
- small sponges
- dust mask
- graduated buckets for mixing plaster
- measuring cups for water
- large square for laying out cottle boards
- small square for checking midline
- non-stick surface for working like plexiglass, melamine or granite
- a good ruler