

A TOOTHBRUSH SANDING TOOL

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I live in a retirement community which has a hobby shop which most of us could only dream of. I have my own workbench and have access to just about every tool or machine you could imagine. One of the units is a carving shop where guys do some fancy wood carving. I happened to pass one of the guy's workbench the other day and saw what looked like a toothbrush being used to do some detailed sanding. I looked again and saw that it was indeed a cheap battery powered electric toothbrush. He'd ground the bristles off the thing leaving a flat section where the bristles had been. He then folded a piece of sandpaper and glued it to that area, and was using it to sand small areas of the carving he was working on. He said he had bought a package of the toothbrushes at a drug store, and he had different grits of sandpaper on three of them.



Not a bad idea for us model builders for use on small items where a sanding block would be too awkward. Might even be good for sanding stringer/spar notches.