

## CONTORTIONIST DRILL/DRIVER

When you're installing cabinets and cabinet hardware, there are times when having an offset chuck for drilling and driving screws close to inside corners is extremely helpful. Festool offers a pair of 18v drivers that accept an offset chuck, but even the most basic setup with this capability costs \$560. Given Festool's sky-high price, I was anxious to try the 12v Bosch Flexiclick, a \$200 drill/driver kit with interchangeable chucks that allow the tool to adapt to a variety of situations.

In addition to some general drilling and driving tasks, I mostly tested the Flexiclick for installing cabinets and undercabinet lights. As I expected, the offset chuck was one of the tool's more useful features. It allowed me to drill holes and drive screws in cabinet boxes tight to corners without angling the screw. But I also really like how you can swap the chucks without removing the bits, which makes it easy to switch from drilling to driving, no matter the application.

The tool's chucks and right-angle adapter can be rotated to 12 different positions, which is good for getting the tool into tight spots, but they don't always click easily into the exact position you're seeking. Sometimes you have to bump the trigger and try again. For most drilling and driving tasks common to finish carpentry, the Bosch Flexiclick works just fine. But for setting cabinets and other tasks that require heavier-duty 3-in. construction screws, a bit more power would be great. I also wish the Flexiclick had a belt hook, which is something I missed while working with it from a ladder.

Otherwise, this is a great tool for cabinet installers and finish carpenters—it allows drilling and driving in the tightest, most awkward spots, all for a reasonable price.

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1/4-in. hex chuck



Three-jaw chuck



1/4-in. offset hex chuck



Right-angle adapter



**Three heads are better than one.** The Flexiclick kit comes with the 12v drill, two batteries, a charger, and a conventional three-jaw chuck as well as both a 1/4-in. close-quarters hex chuck and a 1/4-in. offset hex chuck (above). There's also a right-angle adapter that accepts any of the three chucks.