



Understanding Fine & Coarse Measurements

AS USED BY WOODWORKERS IN SHEDS, GARAGES AND WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

<i>Hairsbreath:</i>	Smallest measurement. If you can find it, you can use it. Approx. 1 millionths of a micro millimetre
<i>Footteenth:</i>	Much bigger – 25 micro mm
<i>Gnatshair:</i>	15 Footteenths
<i>Gnatsdick:</i>	Not an exact measurement. Usually between 10-20 Gnatshairs (dependent upon how well hung the Gnat is)
<i>Beesdick:</i>	The most commonly used fine measurement - usually bigger than a Gnatsdick, but not always. 1/100 th mm or thereabouts
<i>Fairy's Fart:</i>	All-encompassing measurement for all sizes below 0.25 (¼) mm
<i>A Metrik:</i>	1 millimetre (mm)
<i>A Smidgeon:</i>	Also called a Smidge. 7.35mm – 7.35mm, but 7mm is near enough
<i>A Tad:</i>	1.3 centimetres
<i>A Touch:</i>	2 Tads
<i>A Bit:</i>	Three Smidgeons
<i>A Little Bit:</i>	15 Smidgeons, or thereabouts
<i>Heaps:</i>	Also Called <i>Lots</i> – 10 Tads, 1 Smidge, a Metrik
<i>Stacks:</i>	Also Called <i>Lots more</i> – 5 Heaps
<i>Bags:</i>	Also known as <i>Bagful</i> – 350 Tads
<i>Bull's Roar:</i>	734 metres – almost exactly 1,000 Smidgeon, or thereabouts
<i>Klick:</i>	1 Kilometre
<i>Country Mile:</i>	Same as a city mile but takes forever to travel – 1.6093 Klicks
<i>Thick as a Brick:</i>	A brickies measurement that should never be used in woodwork
<i>Thick as 2 Planks:</i>	Thicker than a Brick. Both are measurements of a person's intellect