

(NAPSA)—Whether you are building a playhouse for the kids or refinishing an old table, sanding can be a stressful part of any home project.

To help make your next sanding job go faster and smoother, experts at Microplane<sup>®</sup> offer the following "Four Ps of Sanding" tips:

**Planning**—Thoroughly planning the project can save you considerable time at every step of the process. By taking just a few minutes to write a step-by-step outline of the project, you'll avoid the common problems of not having the proper tools and materials or wasting time setting up.

**Preparing**—Before you start, all materials should be in place and ready to go, nearby areas should be masked and protected and the right tools should be at hand. Interrupting a project to go buy materials or stopping to handle a mistake can turn a simple project into a major hassle.

**Picking**—Selecting the right tools can save you time and money. Make sure that you have high-quality basic tools, such as a hammer, multihead screwdriver and nails. Depending on the complexity of the project, items such as a mechanically powered saw or electric screw gun might be worth purchasing for their timesaving benefits. It is also very important that you select the appropriate



grades of sandpaper for the project. Or you can try the new line of stainless-steel sanding discs from Microplane. Designed for use on random 5-inch orbital sanders, the discs have been tested to be five times faster and last seven times longer than traditional sandpaper.

**Packing Up**—If you planned the project carefully and prepared the work area well in advance, finishing up the project should be quick and easy. Simply dispose of the scrap, put the tools back where they belong and admire your work. To make good use of your wood shavings, use them as wood filler or add them to your compost pile.

By following these simple "Four Ps of Sanding," you can save considerable time on your next home project.

For more information on tools that support the "Four Ps of Sanding," visit www.microplane.com.