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Or, what to do while "Waiting for Godot"...

While some may say, "the world is going to Hades in a handbasket", I say "piffle!"

First, Hades isn't even on my "To Do" list for today or, for that matter, tomorrow. Second, "handbaskets" are only for those who enjoy carrying coals to Newcastle or some other Fool's Paradise.

Anyway, I prefer to think that life is what you make of it. So, enjoy every minute. And, when you've finished your "bowl full of cherries", fear not, there will be plenty of "pleasure pits" to enjoy, just mark my words!

Not one to gather moss under my feet, or pout about what to do while "Waiting for Godot", I've decided to share with you some odd jobs I've had to justify my existence, (but more importantly ...my jam and peanut butter).

You'll note that none of the positions mentioned below have appeared in the newspaper under the heading, "jobs wanted". That's not surprising. After all, why would women want to reveal how to preserve their sanity amidst the chaos and clutter left behind by the magnificent men from Mars? (But that's another tangential story, worth at least one chapter in my next book, "Cautionary Tales from Martian Caves".

Where was I? ...ah yes, the "odd" jobs:

- Whine & Cheese Party Hostess
- Wing-It & Wet-Nurse Wonder Woman
- Lost-and-Found Monitor & Bumbershoot Locator

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- Little Rubber Ducky Fundraiser
- Fly-Swating Summer Camp Counsellor
- Bruxism Buster and Tooth Fairy Stand-In
- Accredited Waffle Stomper & Bucker-Upper
- Out-On-A-Limb Branch Coordinator
- "Father-Knows-Best" Policy Analyst
- Unplanned Gift Advisor to the Stork
- Gourmet Bubble and Squeak Chef
- Jolly Green Thumber
- Petty Communications Officer
- Brown Betty Botcherist
- Escape Goat

- Bugaboo Pest Control Officer
- Troll Emergency Preparedness Planner
- Merry-Making Missionary
- Brown Bag Content Provider & Packing Specialist
- Pet Rock Watcher & Hard Rock Player
- Volunteer Burning Bush & Bucket Brigade Member
- Medusa Makeover Artist
- Bite the Bullet & Biscuit Project Leader
- Dust Bunny Control Inspector
- Pointy-Hat Designer & Gothic Clothing Seamstress
- Certified Broomstick Operator
- Brownie Point Counter
- Horse Sense Philosopher
- Magpie Manager
- Road-Less-Travelled Recruiter
- Suppository & Support Hosiery Consultant
- Snooze Alarmist
- Prince Valiant & Prince Charming Skills Evaluator
- Spotless Throne Room & Stop-Watch Housekeeping Director
- Red Ribbon Recycler & Return Merchandise Expert
- Stickey Wicket & Bad Karma Turnaround Tactician
- Licensed Perfectionist & Procrastinator
- Bungle-Conscious Breadwinner & Part-Time Banshee
- Registered Owner of a Sling-Shot
- Legal Pot Shot Shooter
- Supreme Goddess of Glitch in the Wicked Wench Covey
- Bluffologist, Blurtologist & Bumpfologist
- "The One And Only Boisterous Ballyhooing Bucksheest"

So, when the boo-boos and lumps of life start getting you down, just put things into perspective. And don't forget, a little levity always defies gravity!

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Hardware Tools: What You Should Have in Your ToolBox

By Dylan Miles

Toolboxes should be packed for safety, versatility and practicality. Whether you want to be able to fix your home's plumbing, your children's computers, or your wife's jewelry, there are very specific tools you'll need.

1. Consider your toolbox: you need a toolbox that is just the right size for you; too big a box and you'll tire carrying it around, too small a box and you'll never have enough room for the tools you need. It is often a good idea to leave the toolbox until last. Once you purchase the tools you need, you'll know how to choose the perfect toolbox.
2. Once you've chosen your toolbox, add safety items. Remember the three Gs: glasses, goggles, and gloves.
3. Add knives and cutting tools, a very long tape measure, and lots of duct tape.
4. There are all sorts of pliers available. When buying pliers choose the right set for the right job. Choosing the right set of pliers is as much about getting the job done as it is about your comfort and safety.
5. As with pliers, there are all sorts of wrenches for all sorts of projects. Consider a multi-wrench for those all-purpose jobs, but also add a pipe wrench, a spud wrench, strap and chain wrench, and a monkey wrench.
6. When purchasing a hammer, always hold it in your palm before buying it. Test it for grip, comfort, and weight.
7. A good set of screwdrivers is obviously a must. Now, depending on the amount of work you need to do, you don't always need to get the most expensive tools. There are many cheaper tools available that will help you get the job done.
8. Saws are also good to have. Consider the types of jobs you'll be doing that might need a saw. There are various types of saws: keyhole, coping, hack, and hand.
9. A good toolbox has lots of trays designed to hold all those odd bits of hardware, such as screws and bolts, washers, nuts, and nails.
10. Last, but not least: don't forget to add a flashlight!

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