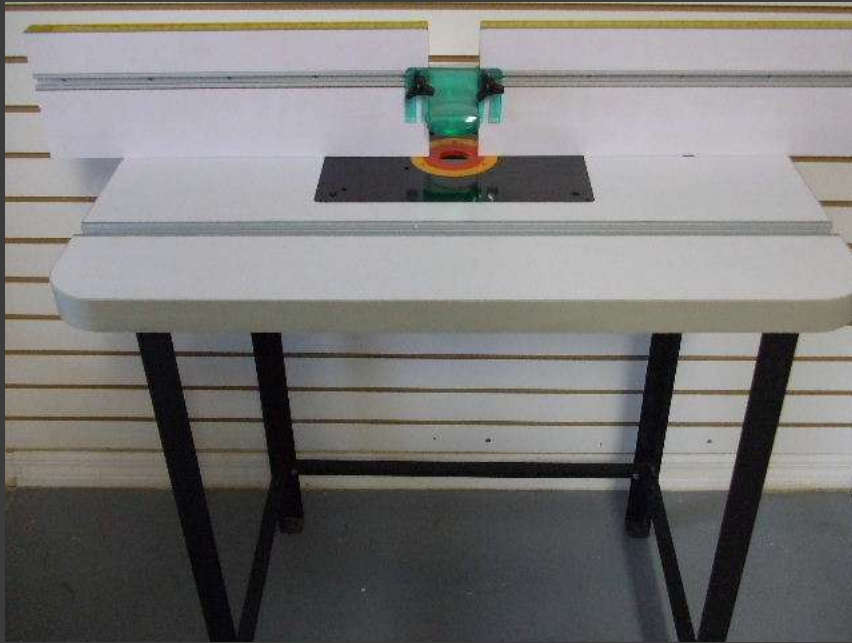


ROUTER TABLE REVIEW

Overview

- Finding the right router table for you shop these days can be somewhat confusing. There are so many features to keep track of and prices vary among vendors. We thought it would be a good idea to show a concise list of all the popular tables so that you could see at a glance what the features and prices are. This helps when it comes time to make the purchase that is right for your shop.
- Router tables come in many basic packages. You usually can find router tables in two basic sizes, bench top and full size. Bench top tables are usually purchased because the user has a lack of shop space. Bench top tables can be stored under workbenches and still handle a variety of chores. Most are made of metal or aluminum but they are a few wooden ones as well.

RM 405



High Points:

- Price **\$214.97** ←
- Top Material: MDF
- Insert Type : Acrylic
- Fence Type: Split
- Pro's : Very capable, holds a lot of routers, heavy duty fence, dust collection
- Cons : You have to drill out your own insert.

This Table has just about everything you could want in a router table. In fact a lot of beginning woodworkers buy this table since the ability to grow with it is very good. It has a 1 3/8" thick double laminated MDF core and a monster fence with unusually high (6") fence extensions. T-track in the table and extensions make it so that you can move any standard accessory around that you might want to buy. As of this printing the stand has been changed slightly, but the basic design is the same. You can find this table at [Router Table Depot](#)

Bench Dog 40-200



High Points:

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| •Price | \$440 | ← |
| •Top Material | Phenolic | |
| •Insert Type | Any | |
| •Fence Type | Split | |
| •Pro's | Very capable table, predrilled inserts available | |
| •Cons | You have to buy insert separate | |

Bench Dog has been around for a long time with their router table line. One of the nice things about their tables is that you will be able to mix and match any Bench Dog insert or accessory and it will fit on their table. This table also accepts a Bench Dog lift. Now Bench Dog requires you to buy your insert separately so you can choose between phenolic or aluminum. All inserts come pre drilled for your router. This particular table top is made of phenolic resin for a super stable work platform. You will experience no seasonal movement of the top. The split fence is 3" tall and has mdf extensions. A dust collection port is installed as well. The stand has a nice thick steel structure that can accept bench dog casters.

Rockler Package #1



High Points:

- Price \$299.99 ←
- Top Material MDF
- Insert Type Aluminum
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's Rockler brand, very capable table
- Cons 3" tall fence

Rockler makes a decent starter type table that has all the features you might need to get started using your router. Miter Track, split fence, bit guard, dust collection are all included with a nice heavy duty stand. Rockler steps up by making the insert aluminum. You can this table and others like it at the [Rockler](https://www.rockler.com) website.

Woodpeckers System 1



High Points:

- Price \$319.97 ←
- Top Material MDF
- Insert Type Phenolic
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's No screws in mdf, good design
- Cons shorter fence extensions

If you have not heard of Woodpecker router tables, you may want to take a peek at their designs. They use some state of the art ideas and the quality shows through. Normally the stand is not supplied with their tops or inserts, but this package is offered as a complete system giving you everything you need. The Insert is a very high quality phenolic and you will love the way your t-tracks and miter tracks are installed. This table also features a combination t-track and miter track together in the table. All woodpeckers tables can be upgraded with aluminum inserts and with woodpeckers brand lift. Beautiful anodized aluminum top the list of upgrades on this fine table. You can find it at [Router Table Depot](#).

Bench Dog 40-102



High Points:

- Price \$299.99 ←
- Top Material Cast Iron
- Insert Type Any
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's Solid
- Cons slightly smaller than regular tables

One of the greatest space savers out there is the router table extension for a table saw. You can add all the great characteristics of a router table without adding any additional foot print space to your shop. This top is well made and heavy duty, you will not be able to hurt its cast iron top. Of course all Bench Dog inserts fit this table and you can even upgrade to a router lift for even more versatility. The full size split fence gives you all the features you would want in a router table. This years model change extruded the miter track right into the face of the table. It is a great improved design and a popular seller. Bench Dog does not sell direct off their site, so they use approved [Bench Dog Router Table](#) distributors.

Skil RAS 900



High Points:

- Price \$158.97 ←
- Top Material MDF
- Insert Type None
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's Design, compact, feather boards included
- Cons No lift capability

This is a brand new design by Skil and they finally hit a home run in their router table department. It's always good to see a woodworker input his knowledge to a table. This is a great starter table that will give you years of good results. The router snaps right into the table top and no insert is needed. A good split fence and a miter track add to the design. Additional storage in the legs is a great idea for storing collet wrenches and various other items that tend to walk away in the workshop.

You can read more about this table at [The Router Maniac](#).

RTD Table Saw Extension



High Points:

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| •Price | \$179.97 | ← |
| •Top Material | MDF | |
| •Insert Type | Acrylic | |
| •Fence Type | Split | |
| •Pro's | Price | |
| •Cons | ? | |

If you love the idea of adding an extension to your table saw but don't want to spend the bigger dollars for a Bench Dog system, this table is a great alternative. It has all the great features of a large table that you might need such as miter track and split fence. Rumor has it that the aluminum insert offered at Router Table Depot fits this table as well, otherwise the acrylic insert works pretty well. The thick laminated MDF top and good fence design make this a popular table. It is slightly bigger than the Bench Dog extension, and will fit all table saws with the standard 27" deep measurements.

You can see more features [here](#).

Rockler Portable Router Table



High Points:

- Price \$199.99 ←
- Top Material MDF
- Insert Type Aluminum
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's Bench Design, full features, stand
- Cons Plate leveler

So what do you get when you shrink down a full sized router table to a bench top size? You get a lot of fun and great features. The folks at Rockler got it right with this table, its inexpensive and full of good features. You get a great aluminum insert, split fence, and a super stable stand. Poke around enough and you will see how folks transform the stand into a small mini cabinet. Just add your router and you are ready to make some serious sawdust (or furniture). You can find it at [Rockler](#).

Rockler Package 2



High Points:

•Price	\$499 ←
•Top Material	Phenolic
•Insert Type	Aluminum
•Fence Type	Split
•Pro's	Upgrades to
Bench Dog stand,	
•Cons	?

Rockler steps up to a phenolic top and aluminum insert with their Package #2. It is a table that you can truly grow with and has great features. Find it at [Rockler](#) .

Kreg Bench Top



High Points:

•Price	\$229	←
•Top Material	MDF	
•Insert Type	Aluminum	
•Fence Type	Split	
•Pro's	Leveling system,	
cambered stand		
•Cons	?	

Another good looking router table from the folks at Kreg tools. You will find that you lack nothing with this system. It is very durable and will be at home on the tailgate of your truck as well as on the bench in your shop. The aluminum insert leveling system is one of the best in the business. You can find it at [Amazon](#).

Bench Dog 40-300 Cabinet



High Points:

- Price \$840 ←
- Top Material Cast Iron
- Insert Type Any
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's The top of the line for Bench Dog, lift capable , cabinet
- Cons Price, you have to buy insert separately

I like the way this table looks in our workshop, it just says “come on use me” If you really want to get serious this cabinet system has it all. Not only do you get a sturdy workstation but you get some organization along with it. The cast iron top accepts Bench dog brand lifts. The beautiful birch cabinet is sure to hold up in any workshop and you will not be inhibited by any project with this system at your service. You can find it at Router Table Depot . [Bench Dog 40-300](#)

Bosch 1171



High Points:	
•Price	\$159-179 ←
•Top Material	MDF
•Insert Type	Aluminum
•Fence Type	Split
•Pro's	Thin top
•Cons	Closed cabinet

Bosch builds a decent little mini cabinet router table. We are not sure why they have not taken the plunge to build a full size one with all the same features. You will find a convenient on/off switch built into the cabinet to save you from opening and closing the door when you want to turn on your router. You can find these tables at Lowes and on [Amazon](#).

Porter Cable 698



High Points:

- Price \$193.99 ←
- Top Material Aluminum
- Insert Type None
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's
- Cons Stability

Porter Cables only router table has all the features you want in a bench top style table. It is made of aluminum and has a built in power switch. The stand is surprisingly stable and has no insert. You can find it with varying prices at [Tool King](#) and other tool vendors.

Grizzly



High Points:

- Price \$425 ←
- Top Material Al/C.Iron
- Insert Type none
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's Sliding top
- Cons hard to put together

Often times this table is over looked but has amazing features. The top half of the table slides giving you the ability to do raised panel joinery like a coping sled on steroids. This great feature combined with the cast iron top for the other half of the table makes for a great router table. Grizzly has always made great products and this is no exception. You will see it sold under other brand names as well. You can find it [here](#).

Shop Fox



High Points:

- Price \$385 ←
- Top Material AL/C. Iron
- Insert Type None
- Fence Type Split
- Pro's heavy duty
- Cons Assembly

If you think you are seeing double after looking at the Grizzly table, then do not adjust your glasses, they are the same. This one is pretty much the same design with a different paint scheme. This table is heavy and costs around \$75 to ship it to your house. Make sure you have a friend to help you get it off the truck. You can find it here at [Amazon](#) and a few different tool distributors around the USA.