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## Woodturning tools for beginners

When Google first introduced Chromebooks in 2011, it seemed like a ridiculous idea. A laptop that can only run a browser? Who wants it? But over time, web applications have slowly become more powerful and capable, while Google continues to improve the Chrome OS experience. Then, Google went even further and added the ability to run applications for Android, and even further with Linux desktop applications. All this means chromebooks 2019 and 2020 are nothing to be an original experience. Today, Chrome OS feels like a modern operating system that offers a premium web browser, mobile app flexibility, and a one-box desktop experience. It can satisfy the needs of almost every user, except those who need video or advanced image editing. If you set up your Chromebook correctly, that's it. Let's do it.1. Get to know ChromeOS IDG and Chromebook desktop with Chrome OS 76. Chrome OS has some basic similarities to other desktop systems. Like Windows, Linux and OS X, there's a desktop partition that you can customize with your own background image. But unlike desktop on other systems, you can't place any files here. It's just a visual space where you can organize your open windows. When you open an app, it opens in a new window if it's an Android app, desktop app, or web app that you've set up to run in your own window. Otherwise, you open the tab in the main browser. Open windows can be resized or split so that they take up half the display as on other systems, although some Linux desktop applications may not respond to these commands. You'll probably notice right away that the keyboard has a search icon that should have caps lock on it. This search key is a way to search devices, apps, and the web in one place. It's also a way to view every app on your system. To get started, tap the key and you'll see the Google Assistant box at the bottom of the screen with some recently used apps. Click the pointing arrow above the search box to see everything you have at your disposal. Most apps appear here the same as on your Android phone, but Linux apps are grouped together. IDG Chrome OS Files app version 76. One of chromebook's system-critical apps is files. This is a Chrome OS file manager that allows you to access files stored on your system, view the contents of a ZIP folder, or access items in Google Drive.The last point of interest in our system tour is in the lower right corner of the taskbar-like shelf, called the system tray. (More on the shelf later.) The first thing you will see is a small counter that tells you how many notifications you have. Click it to view and delete notifications. IDG System tray in Chrome OS 76. Next to them are the clock, Wi-Fi status, and battery life indicator. To this area, and you'll see a panel with basic system settings, including Wi-Fi, VPN, Bluetooth, night light, volume, screen brightness, off button, and more, the okulas icon in this section will open the Chromebook icon. Chromebook. Window. Here you can access the system settings for the touchpad, mouse, keyboard, display, and on-board storage. To access your Chromebook task manager, click Search + Esc. This acronym used to be Shift + Esc, but Google is gradually sorting it out.2. Shelf settings When you first open your Chromebook, you'll see several app icons at the bottom of the screen. This area is called The Shelf and mimics the Windows taskbar. The Chrome OS shelf shows which apps are running and provides an easy way to run apps. If you want to make your Chromebook your own, you'll want to add commonly used apps to your shelf and remove those you don't use. To get rid of something, hover over the app icon, tap the touchpad with two fingers (the right-click equivalent), and then select Peel off from the shortcut menu that appears. IDG Add a webpage to the shelf in Chrome OS. The easiest way to add web apps is to open the site you want to open in your browser. Then right-click the web page tab — it looks like three vertical dots — and choose More Tools &gt; Create Shortcut.... You'll see a small pop-up window asking you to confirm that you want to add a web application. To use the desktop experience for a web app, select the Open as window check box, and then click Create.To Rearrange apps on the shelf, click it, and then drag it to the position you want.3. Unlock your smartphone To open your Chromebook, you'll need to sign in with your Google Account password. This is simple enough, but if you have an android phone this process can become even easier. Your phone can automatically unlock your PC without a password Bluetooth.To, click the clock in the lower-right corner of the desktop, and select Settings. Then select Connected Devices in the left bar, and then in the main window, click Set up under Android Phone. The pop-up window displays your phone by brand or nickname. If you recently switched phones, it might take a few days for your new phone to be recognized. If you're all set up, click Accept and Continue, enter your password, and then click Done. Finally, back in the Settings window, confirm that the slider next to your phone is turned on. If not, activate the slider and enter the password to confirm. Now that your phone is near your Chromebook, it should unlock automatically.4. Edit Google Sync IDG Decide what you want to sync with Google servers and turn on encryption. One of chrome's key features is the ability to sync recently opened tabs, browsing history, bookmarks, extensions, passwords, and more across multiple devices. This sync works on any device that has Chrome, including computers that you want to use. and tablets as long as you're signed in to your Google Account. Sync is turned on by default with Chromebooks, but you can control which items are synced and which aren't. Go to Settings, and then in the left bar, choose People &gt; Sync.Na the next screen to see all the different items that are synced. turn off everything at the top, and then deactivate anything you don't want to share with other devices. Next page: Useful controls, system customization, and more. Page 2 We've already discussed the search key, but there are a few other keys that you should recognize as well. If you look at the top of your Chromebook keyboard, where the function keys on your Windows computer would appear, you'll see keyboard shortcuts for actions such as adjusting the volume, restoring your browser tab, and switching between windows. They're super-catchy. Check out google's Help page to learn what all these keys do. If you want these keys to behave like standard function keys, go to Settings &gt; Device &gt; Keyboard and turn on The Top Row Keys as function keys. If you don't want a permanent switch, you can force those keys to become function keys on the fly by pressing Shift and the function button you want at the same time. IDG Chrome OS in Snap mode. There are also some basic touchpad gesture controls and keyboard shortcuts that all Chrome OS users should know. To do this, select the window you want to snap, and then press Alt+] to drag the window to the right or Alt+[ left. As in other systems, it allows you to quickly switch between open windows. Next is the touchpad. We have already discussed that tapping with two fingers reveals a context menu. You can also scroll back and forth through your browser tab history by swiping left or right with two fingers. To scroll the page, slide two fingers up or down, as with other systems. To switch between tabs, swipe left or right with three fingers. If you want to open a link in a new tab, you can also tap the touchpad with three fingers. To see all the open windows on the desktop, swipe down with three fingers.6. Customize your desktop backgroundThy's easy, but it makes your desktop your own. First, download the image you want to use, or copy it to your Chromebook via USB. When it's done, tap an open space on the desktop with two fingers to reveal the shortcut menu. Then select Set wallpaper to open a window where you can select some pictures of actions that will be delivered with your Chromebook. IDG Choose a new wallpaper in Chrome OS 76. At the bottom of the left bar, click My Pictures, and then choose from the available pictures. A new wallpaper will appear in a few seconds. If that doesn't look right, select Center and Center cropped at the top right of the pop-up window to edit it. You can also add a browser theme and change chrome's color scheme in a portable To do this, go to Settings &gt; Appearance &gt; Browser Themes and click the link icon (this arrow square) that will slide you into the themes section of the Chrome web store.7. Customize your search keyPersonal, I like the search key as it is, but if you'd rather have caps caps function or set the key to serve as a backspace, here's how. Reopen the settings, select Device in the left bar, and then select Keyboard. On the next screen, a drop-down menu appears next to Search. Click this menu, select the feature you want to have, click OK, and everything is set up. You can also adjust the functionality of Ctrl, Alt, Escape, and Backspace.8. Enable offline features Although the company is close to oversation of wi-fi, there are still times when an Internet connection is simply not available. That's when you need apps that can work offline. While Google's web apps are designed to work from the web, they still include some offline features that keep you from working when the Internet tells you it's over. Note that allowing offline use requires apps to download data directly to local storage, and most Chromebooks pack precious little space, so you might need to mix up some things. Third-party apps in the Chrome Web Store that work offline will advertise this feature. Native Chromebook apps like Docs, Calendar, and Gmail need a little tuning, and the way you enable offline mode varies by app. To enable offline productivity in Google Drive, you must specify the files you want offline. Open Google Drive on your Chromebook, select the three-point icon, and then activate Available offline from the drop-down menu. Google Calendar doesn't have the option offline, but you can download the Google Calendar app for Android for that. Finally, open Gmail on your Chromebook and select the eye icon in the upper-right corner. Select the Offline tab and select the Enable offline mail check box. Google Keep is built into your Chromebook and works automatically offline, but if you've never used it on your Chromebook, you'll need to open it to download your notes.9. Use Android Apps IDG Google Play in Chrome OS 76. All Chromebooks are now associated with the ability to run Android apps from the Google Play Store, and many older Chromebooks as well. Adding Android apps to your Chromebook is as easy as adding an app to your smartphone or tablet. All you have to do is open the Play Store, select the app you want, click install, and you're done. You can run through the odd Android application that will not run on your Chromebook, but most applications will work just fine, you can for example run Valve Steam Link to stream games from computer to PC on Chromebook.10. Use Linux AppsChromebooks also come with the ability to run Linux desktop applications. How it works for older devices depends on the processor, but all the latest Chromebooks have to be equipped with this option. With Linux application compatibility, you can run your favorite apps or find alternatives like Libre Office, although if you want, you can run versions of Office for Android. To activate Linux, click on Linux (Beta) on the left rail of the Settings application. On the next screen, click the Turn on button on the and follow the instructions. Installation takes a few minutes, but once it's done, you'll be able to run linux applications. This feature is not entirely user friendly as it is designed for developers. The best way to install Linux applications on your Chromebook is via command prompt and Advanced Package Tool (APT). You can also download and install DEB files directly, but APT is an easier way to go because it can automatically handle dependencies (the utility your target application requires). Here's a solid guide on how to use APT. BONUS: Get to know the Extras IDG Assistant Google runs on Chrome OS 76. In addition to the basic features there are many nice extra features that some users can enjoy. First, there's a night light that can be set to turn on and off with sunset and sunrise. To activate this feature, go to Settings &gt; Display &gt; night light. Here you can turn it on and schedule it to start from sunset to sunrise or with your own time setting. The Google Assistant is also available on Chromebooks, because these times you want to quickly search the web or get weather. The catch is that Chromebook Assistant doesn't use the OK google command as it does on phones. To save battery power, OK Google only works when your Chromebook is plugged into an electrical outlet. You could set it to always on, just be warned that it can drain the battery faster than you'd like. If OK Google doesn't work, you can tap the microphone icon in the Google Assistant from the launcher. To get started with the Assistant, go to Settings &gt; Search and Assistant &gt; Google Assistant.Finally, if you like the idea of a Chromebook but don't want to search on Google by default, you can change it. Go to Settings &gt; Search &amp; Assistant &gt; Search engine used in the address bar to select options like Yahoo, Bing and DuckDuckGo.Wrapping upThing is ten things (plus one) we recommend the new owners of chromebook take care to get the best experience on their laptop. If you ever encounter a problem or need to know how to do something, open the built-in Get Help app. This is a basic guide that can provide you with tips on using your Chromebook.Finally, if you are looking for online tools to use in your Chromebook, be sure to check out PCWorld's guide to 12 powerful websites that can replace your pc software. The web is mighty powerful these days. Note: When you buy something by clicking on the links in our articles, we can get a small commission. Read our affiliate link policies for more information. Details.

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