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Delta 16 scroll saw 40-540

I've seen a Delta 16 scroll that's about two years old the person wants \$65 for it and I was just wondering if that's a fair price and if it's worth picking up. I'd love to scroll in my wife wants to try her hand at it too, so I think the cheaper the better, but I also don't want to buy crap. I appreciate every info Delta had a few different 16 models. Do you know if it's a single speed or 2 speeds or variable speeds. Also are the knife clamps for pinned or pinless knives? Scott's questions add up. A pinned scroll really saw limits what you (and would like to do) with inner cuts. I'm waiting for answers to questions and the model number. This is why I'm glad you guys are around I would have no idea at this point. I would have just bought it and then thought it was out 6 months down the road and annoyed with myself. I'll let you know what I find out. Okay here's the scoop It's a delta Model 40-540 It's variable speed and pin blades So is this something I should avoid and just looking for something with pinless blades? I'd say no. You retro fit the leaf holders for about \$22.00 to make it pinless. But then again you can get a new one with the new blade holders for \$120 from Highland Hardware. Again, I agree with Scott. I had a pin type saw and added the pinless adapter. I wasn't happy about it. At some point you will want to do within cuts. Make it as easy as you (and your wallet!) can stand. I'd say no. You retro fit the leaf holders for about \$22.00 to make it pinless. But then again you can get a new one with the new blade holders for \$120 from Highland Hardware. That's exactly what I needed to know. Yes between the price \$65 plus the retrofit \$22 I'm at \$87 for a used one when as you said a new one is \$120. For the extra \$30ish I'd rather have a new one with a warranty. So now that we've answered that question, the newer Delta is a good beginner model? Scott, I think he has bad information about the pins. From the Manufacturer Now, there's an easy way to handle complicated, within curve-cutting tasks: The Delta 40-540 scroll saw with 16-inch arm-to-blade capacity. Convenient fingertip blade tension control takes stress out of the blade so it lasts longer. With the variable speed engine you select the exact speed needed for the best cutting results in different materials. The parallel arm design keeps the blade moving straight up and down for more accurate cutting. For corner cutting, the table tilts to the left to 45 degrees. An adjustable spring hold down holds the workpiece against the table for safer, more accurate cutting. A dust blower is built into the hold down to keep the cutting line free of sawdust for better visibility. Blade changes are easy with the wrench and a cam lever for tension. A removable table insert allows access to the lower blade clamp and can be replaced by a plastic zero-clearance insert for splinter-free cutting. Uses standard, five-inch, plain endsheets. Limited two-year warranty on machines, parts and accessories. Includes scroll saw, table insert, keys, knife and manual. Scott, I think he has bad information about the pins. From the manufacturer ... Uses standard, five-inch, plain endsheets. Limited two-year warranty on machines, parts and accessories. Includes scroll saw, table insert, keys, knife and manual. If that's the case, then it would probably be worth the money to pick up. Scott..... Blade changes are easy with the included wrench and a cam handle for chips..... My 2 cents..... If I was just starting out I'd be looking for one that can tighten thumb screws/untighten the blades - The first I had an all screw and it was a pain - Look around for the machines that can take both pin/pinless variable speed - if you want to progress you want to try something that thicker wood and with the fastened blades, which I believe, correct me if I'm wrong come in larger sizes then you have the ability to use those knives and at a lower speed..... just my 2 cents my 2 cents..... 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Either way, the current twin of that saw is \$141 new from Amazon (it looks like others are undermining them, but check shipping), so \$65 is less than half of a similar new one. I'd succeed, but only because I want a DeWalt. :rolf: It's probably a pretty good deal if it meets your needs. Well if it's really pinned down and that makes inside cuts difficult or impossible. I don't want that. I already know I want to do in-cuts. I want to make some ornaments for our If I get one. The kicker is how much you will be using one. From what I collected, you are looking to get started. There are a lot of nice ornament patterns (and others!) that you could do very easily with that saw. (If it's the plain end!) When you start to get into patterns that cuts a lot inside, you will find something that makes it easy to change knives. (Voice of experience here!) I also assume you don't want to wait 6 months of budgeting to save for one. I would recommend you cut your goals reasonably for what you want, and get something that lets you try it out without breaking the bank. If that saw is really just end, I still think the money would be worth it! If making some identical ornaments - don't forget to use the stack cutting technique! :wink_sml De Dewalt is a very nice saw and step up from most of the entry saws, but not quite the \$ame range like the Hawks and Hegners. But it will still put you back about 5 times the price of the saw you are looking for. However, once you use one, I doubt you would ever go back! The kicker is how much you will be using one. From what I collected, you are looking to get started. There are a lot of nice ornament patterns (and others!) that you could do very easily with that saw. (If it just end!). When you start to get into patterns that cuts a lot inside, you will find something that makes it easy to change knives. (Voice of experience here!) 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I usually like to get something cheap at first to find out if I really enjoy something or not. Then I'll save up and get the nicer models after I experience it. I know sometimes it ends up costing me more money, but it has saved me some as well. I'm kindly watching it this way too. I can buy learn to use it and then upgrade to the pinless retrofit later. Yes thanks for the reminder on the stacking technique. I no decision has yet been made. The biggest drawback of fastened blades is the size of the hole that you need to drill to feed them by. This denies any complicated cutting that requires small holes to be the difficulty in knives lies with the fact that you have to use all wrench for this. Much, much easier to turn a thumbscrem as opposed to using (and often dropping) an all wrench The biggest drawback of pinned blades is the size of the hole you have to drill to feed them by. This negates any complicated cutting that requires small holes the difficulty in changing knives lies with the fact that you can use an all wrench for this. Much, much easier to turn a thumbscrem as opposed to using (and often dropping) an all wrench Okay that makes sense. So I should be able to do most of the beginner stuff and then can upgrade to the pinless blades later if I want to be really complicated. I'm just going to have to think about it. With the fastened blades, you should probably be close to 1/8 hole making them wire. (Maybe a little out on that estimate, but not by much.) However, if that model is the plain end type, then you don't have to worry about it. Look at your patterns, and you might be able to use a fastened knife anyway. I'm taking the same approach as you. I'm going with something cheap first to see if I'd like/use it. If so, Then I save and get the better model. My scroll saw and table saw both fell into that category. On the one hand, you may find that you like to do something more when you start with the good stuff, but on the other hand, if you decide to pursue your interest – oh how sweet it is to get off the entry-level machine. Besides - woodworking for most of us is a HOBBY. If we kept trying something until we had the money to buy the best we might never do it around. (I found that out with my scroll saw!). If all anyone can afford are hand-me-down tools and HF specials, but they enjoy using them – I think that's what matters. On my budget - I'd rather upgrade, and sell my entry level thinking I should have got this first, then buy top of the line, look sitting in the corner and wonder why I spent that much money on something I only used once! Once!