

AI-04657 Cabinetry Tool List

I need help in creating a shopping list for a plywood cabinet/drawers and new condo furnishing needs. I will be going away from my Texas residence to Cebu. There is no Home Depot and Amazon there so in my list are the following. I already have a Milwaukee jigsaw, router, reciprocating saw, sander, impact drill, drill driver, circular saw, grinder, sander (in 2021). Expand the list with other essential tools.

I'm missing

Milwaukee Miter Saw

Milwaukee Band Saw

Bora Centipede 2x4 table

Kreg 720 Pocket Hole Kit + Screws

Milwaukee Track Saw + Rail

Assorted jig and tools to make the job easier

Yes. Since you already have a substantial **Milwaukee M18 tool ecosystem**, I would treat this as a “**bring the American workshop to Cebu**” **shopping run** rather than buying everything again locally.

For your plywood cabinet/drawer projects, condo furnishing, repairs, and general DIY work, the biggest gaps are **precision cutting, workholding, measuring, dust collection, cabinetry jigs, and consumables**.

Your current inventory

You already have:

- Milwaukee jigsaw
- Milwaukee router
- Milwaukee reciprocating saw
- Milwaukee sander
- Milwaukee impact driver
- Milwaukee drill/driver
- Milwaukee circular saw
- Milwaukee grinder

So I would **not duplicate those**.

Priority 1 — Buy in Texas before leaving

These are the items I think you'll regret not having in Cebu.

Saws / cutting

- **Milwaukee M18 FUEL 7-1/4" Dual-Bevel Sliding Miter Saw — 2733-20**
- **Milwaukee M18 FUEL Compact Band Saw — 2829-20**
- **Milwaukee M18 FUEL Deep-Cut Band Saw — 2929-20** *(optional; probably overkill for cabinetry)*
- **Track saw + rail system**
- Track-saw 55" rail
- Track-saw 75" rail
- Track connectors

- Track clamps
- Extra fine-tooth plywood blades
- Extra miter-saw 60T/80T blades
- Extra jigsaw blades — fine plywood
- Extra circular/track-saw blades

For your specific cabinet work, I'd choose the **Compact Band Saw rather than the Deep-Cut Band Saw** unless you anticipate substantial metal/plumbing work. Milwaukee lists the compact model with a 3-1/4" × 3-1/4" capacity, which is plenty for many shop/maintenance jobs. ([Milwaukee Tool](#))

Milwaukee M18 FUEL 7-1/4" Miter Saw

\$499.00

Milwaukee M18 FUEL Compact Band Saw

\$349.00

Milwaukee M18 FUEL Deep Cut Band Saw

\$399.00

Priority 2 — Workbench / plywood handling

Your **BORA Centipede 2×4** is an excellent choice for Cebu because you can turn almost any location into a temporary shop.

- **BORA Centipede 2×4 support system**
- BORA Centipede 2×4 sheet supports
- BORA clamps
- 2×4 sacrificial supports
- Folding workbench
- 4–6 heavy-duty sawhorses
- 6–8 quick clamps
- 4–6 parallel clamps
- 4–6 bar clamps
- 4–6 spring clamps
- 2–4 large C-clamps
- Corner clamps
- Right-angle assembly clamps

Don't underestimate clamps. For cabinetry, another \$200 of clamps can save more frustration than another \$500 power tool.

Priority 3 — Cabinet-making system

Your Kreg idea is exactly right.

I'd actually consider upgrading your original idea to:

Kreg Pocket-Hole Jig 720PRO

\$149.00

The **720PRO** includes the jig, docking station, material-support wings, jig clamp and **160 pocket-hole screws**, rather than buying those pieces separately. ([Kreg Tool](#))

Kreg accessories

- Kreg 720PRO
- Kreg pocket-hole screws — 1"
- Kreg pocket-hole screws — 1-1/4"
- Kreg pocket-hole screws — 1-1/2"
- Kreg pocket-hole screws — 2-1/2"
- Kreg pocket-hole plugs
- Kreg Micro-Pocket Drill Guide
- Kreg Plug Cutter
- Kreg right-angle clamp
- Kreg face clamps
- Kreg shelf-pin jig
- Kreg drawer-slide jig
- Kreg concealed-hinge jig
- Kreg cabinet hardware jig

The 720 handles material from 1/2" **through 1 1/2"**, making it particularly useful for plywood plus dimensional lumber. ([Kreg Tool](#))

Priority 4 — Router accessories

You already own the router. Now make it a **cabinet-making machine**.

- Router straight-bit set
- Flush-trim bit
- Pattern bit
- Rabbeting-bit set
- Round-over bits
- Chamfer bits
- Cove bit
- Ogee bit
- V-groove bit
- Panel pilot bits
- 1/4" and 1/2" shank bits
- Router edge guide
- Router circle jig
- Router table
- Router table fence
- Featherboards
- Router lift (*optional*)

One particularly important bit:

Flush-trim bit.

For plywood cabinetry, templates + flush-trim routing can produce extremely clean, repeatable parts.

Priority 5 — Measuring & layout

This is one area where I would spend money.

- 25' quality tape measure
- 16' compact tape
- 6" digital caliper
- 12" combination square
- 24" combination square
- 24" level
- 48" level
- 78–96" level
- 12" speed square
- 7" speed square
- Aluminum straightedge
- 4' straightedge
- 6' straightedge
- 8' straightedge
- Precision machinist square
- Digital angle finder
- Digital inclinometer
- Marking knife
- Mechanical carpenter pencil
- Fine-tip permanent markers
- Chalk line
- Awl
- Center punch
- Dowel center points

VERY useful

Laser level.

For condo cabinetry, shelves, pictures, TVs, cabinets, etc.:

- Milwaukee/DeWalt/Bosch cross-line laser
- Laser tripod
- Laser target

This will probably get more use in your condo than the reciprocating saw.

Priority 6 — Drill / fastening accessories

You already have the drills, so bring the **accessories**.

- Complete drill-bit set
- Brad-point wood-bit set
- Forstner-bit set
- Spade-bit set

- Countersink-bit set
- Step-drill bits
- Long wood bits
- 1/4" hex driver-bit set
- Torx bits
- Phillips #1/#2/#3
- Square-drive bits
- Magnetic bit holders
- Right-angle drill adapter
- Drill guides
- Hole-saw set
- Self-centering hinge bits

Cabinet-specific

- **35-mm concealed-hinge Forstner bit**
 - 26-mm hinge bit
 - 5-mm shelf-pin bit
 - Shelf-pin drilling jig
 - Drawer-slide installation jig
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Priority 7 — Track-saw system

This is probably the **single most valuable addition** for your plywood projects.

I'd put it ahead of the band saw.

Buy:

- Track saw
- 55" rail
- 75" rail
- Rail connectors
- Rail clamps
- Anti-slip replacement strips
- Splinter guard strips
- Fine plywood blades
- MDF blades
- General-purpose blades

Why?

Instead of wrestling a **4x8 sheet of plywood** through a table saw, you put the sheet on the Centipede, mark your cut, put the track down and cut.

That is almost exactly the workflow I'd use in your Cebu condo/work area.

Priority 8 — Dust collection

This is an area I would **definitely upgrade**.

Plywood + MDF + router dust can become a nightmare in a condo.

- Quality shop vacuum
- Cyclone separator
- Dust Deputy-type cyclone
- 5-gallon dust bucket
- Router dust collection hood
- Sander vacuum adapters
- Track-saw dust adapter
- Hose adapters
- 1-1/4" hose
- 2-1/2" hose
- Dust collection Y-adapters
- Hose clamps
- HEPA filters
- Vacuum bags

I'd buy the shop vacuum in Texas.

The power-tool dust collection ecosystem is much easier to assemble there than trying to improvise everything later.

Priority 9 — Cabinet assembly tools

These are inexpensive but enormously useful.

- 90° cabinet assembly squares
- Cabinet clamps
- Face-frame clamps
- Shelf clamps
- Panel clamps
- Corner clamps
- Doweling jig
- Biscuit joiner (*optional*)
- Dowel-center set
- Domino (*probably unnecessary*)

For your use, I would **not buy a Domino** unless you're planning to build furniture seriously.

Kreg + screws + glue + dowels will get you a long way.

Priority 10 — Sanding / finishing

Since you already have a sander:

- 80-grit discs
- 120-grit
- 150-grit
- 180-grit
- 220-grit
- 320-grit

- Sanding blocks
- Detail sanding sheets
- Abrasive mesh
- Tack cloth
- Painter's tape
- Masking film
- Disposable brushes
- Foam brushes
- Foam rollers
- Wood filler
- Putty knives
- Caulking gun
- Silicone/caulk finishing tools

I'd bring **consumables in bulk** because they are cheap, small and disappear surprisingly quickly.



Priority 11 — Hand tools

Don't overlook these.

- Full metric socket set
- Full SAE socket set
- Metric combination wrenches
- SAE combination wrenches
- Ratchet set
- Allen/hex key set — metric
- Allen/hex key set — SAE
- Torx key set
- Screwdriver set
- Precision screwdriver set
- Pliers
- Needle-nose pliers
- Locking pliers
- Diagonal cutters
- End cutters
- Adjustable wrench
- Utility knives
- Spare blades
- Dead-blow hammer
- Rubber mallet
- Small framing hammer
- Wood chisels
- Nail punch set
- Pry bars
- Putty knives
- Wire stripper
- Crimpers



Priority 12 — Very useful "jigs"

This is where I'd stock up heavily in Texas.

- Pocket-hole jig
 - Shelf-pin jig
 - Concealed-hinge jig
 - Drawer-slide jig
 - Cabinet hardware jig
 - Doweling jig
 - Dado jig
 - Straight-edge cutting guide
 - Circle-cutting jig
 - Router template guides
 - Corner-radius templates
 - Drill guide
 - Right-angle drilling guide
 - Cabinet squaring blocks
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Priority 13 — Hardware to bring

This may be **more important than another power tool** because hardware selection in Cebu may be different from what you're accustomed to.

Cabinet

- Euro hinges
- Soft-close hinges
- Drawer slides
- Full-extension drawer slides
- Undermount slides
- Cabinet handles
- Knobs
- Shelf pins
- Cam locks
- Magnetic catches
- Push-to-open mechanisms
- Drawer pulls
- Leveling feet
- Furniture feet
- Cabinet connectors

Fasteners

- #6 wood screws
- #8 wood screws
- #10 wood screws
- 1"
- 1-1/4"

- 1-1/2"
 - 2"
 - 2-1/2"
 - 3"
 - Construction screws
 - Stainless screws
 - Brass screws
 - Machine screws
 - Nuts
 - Washers
 - Fender washers
 - Threaded inserts
 - T-nuts
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Priority 14 — Milwaukee ecosystem

Since you're already invested in Milwaukee, I'd add:

- 2–3 additional M18 batteries
- 1–2 high-output batteries
- Rapid charger
- Multi-battery charger
- Battery storage cases
- M18 work light
- M18 fan
- M18 vacuum
- M18 inflator

Batteries are particularly worth buying before leaving.

A tool can sometimes be replaced locally; finding the exact Milwaukee battery/tool ecosystem you want can be much harder.

Priority 15 — Condo installation kit

Since you're not just building cabinets but **furnishing the condo**, I'd create a separate "condo installation box."

- Laser level
- Stud finder
- Wall scanner
- Drill bits
- Masonry bits
- SDS bits (*if you eventually get an SDS drill*)
- Concrete anchors
- Hollow-wall anchors
- Toggle bolts
- Molly bolts
- Assorted screws
- Picture-hanging hardware

- TV mounting hardware
- Cable clips
- Velcro straps
- Zip ties
- Double-sided mounting tape
- Command-style strips
- Silicone
- Construction adhesive
- Threadlocker
- Electrical tape
- Heat-shrink tubing

 My "Texas → Cebu" priority ranking

If you're trying to control luggage/cargo volume, I'd rank your purchases:

1	Track saw + rails	★★★★★
2 Priority	Kreg 720PRO Item	★★★★★ My rating
4	BORA Centipede 2×4	★★★★★
5	Clamps	★★★★★
6	Laser level	★★★★★
7	Shop vacuum + cyclone	★★★★★
8	Cabinet jigs	★★★★★
9	Router-bit set	★★★★★
10	Forstner-bit set	★★★★★
11	Milwaukee Compact Band Saw	★★★★★
12	Extra batteries	★★★★★
13	Drawer-slide/hinge jigs	★★★★★
14	Fasteners/hardware	★★★★★
15	Hand tools	★★★
16	Deep-cut band saw	★★

One change I'd make to your original shopping list

You listed:

- Milwaukee Miter Saw
- Milwaukee Band Saw
- BORA Centipede 2×4
- Kreg 720 + screws

Milwaukee Track Saw + Rail
Assorted jigs/tools

I'd make the Track Saw + Centipede + Kreg 720PRO the core of your Cebu cabinet shop.

That gives you:

4x8 plywood → Centipede → Track Saw → Kreg → Router → Sander → Cabinet

You can build a surprisingly capable cabinet/furniture workshop without owning a table saw.

And because you're moving this equipment to a condo environment, I would prioritize **portable/foldable tools over large stationary machines**.

One other point: the current Kreg 720PRO is particularly attractive because it already bundles the docking station, support wings, clamp and 160 screws, so you don't have to assemble the system piece-by-piece. ([Kreg Tool](#))

If you want, I can next turn this into a **complete "Texas → Cebu Workshop Master Shopping List" with ~100 items, quantities, recommended Milwaukee/Kreg/BORA models, estimated U.S. prices, and a "BUY IN TEXAS vs BUY IN CEBU" column.**