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Melanie Freywald's Story

Inspired by craftspeople



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Melanie Freywald, born in Berlin, Germany, moved to the UK in 1998. After starting an office job in London, she quickly realised it wasn't for her and needed something more hands-on. In 2002, Mel became a painter and decorator and now runs a successful business called Colour and Paper.



Mel first discovered the Festool system on social media. Impressed with how effortless other tradespeople found it, she purchased the RTS 400 orbital sander and CT Midi extractor.

"I've had these two products for 7 years now, using them almost every day."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mel', is written in a cursive style.



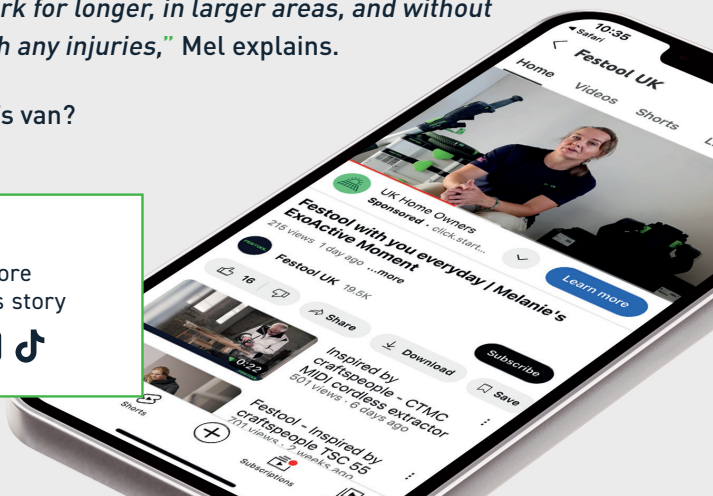
Painting and decorating can be physically demanding. *“Since having the Festool sanding system, it helps get the work done quicker and to a better quality.”*

In 2023, Melanie applied and became an ExoActive product tester for Festool. The previous year, she suffered many injuries causing her to lose a lot of jobs, so she was looking for a solution to help her get back on her feet.

“You have certain expectations, but I didn’t think it would work that well; it was mind-blowing.”

Following this, she has purchased the ExoActive and now uses it often on large sites. *“I’ve noticed the difference in my shoulders and my lower back. When you’re working overhead and your neck goes back, you have the support cushion. It allows you to work for longer, in larger areas, and without coming home in pain or with any injuries,”* Mel explains.

What other tools are in Mel’s van?





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Mel's Festool top picks



Exoskeleton ExoActive EXO 18

"Despite all the technology,
my favourite feature is the
neck cushion."



Long-reach sander and extractor set PLANEX LHS 2 225/CTM 36-Set

"Perfect for preparing
walls and ceilings."



Orbital sander RUTSCHER RTS 400

"This is so universal and makes
woodwork preparation a breeze."



Cordless orbital sander RTSC 400

“Cordless version of my favourite sander, for when you need to be mobile and flexible.”



Cordless mobile dust extractor CLEANTEC CTLC SYS

“Before the portable extractor, the cleaning process used to take hours, and now there’s barely any dust.”

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