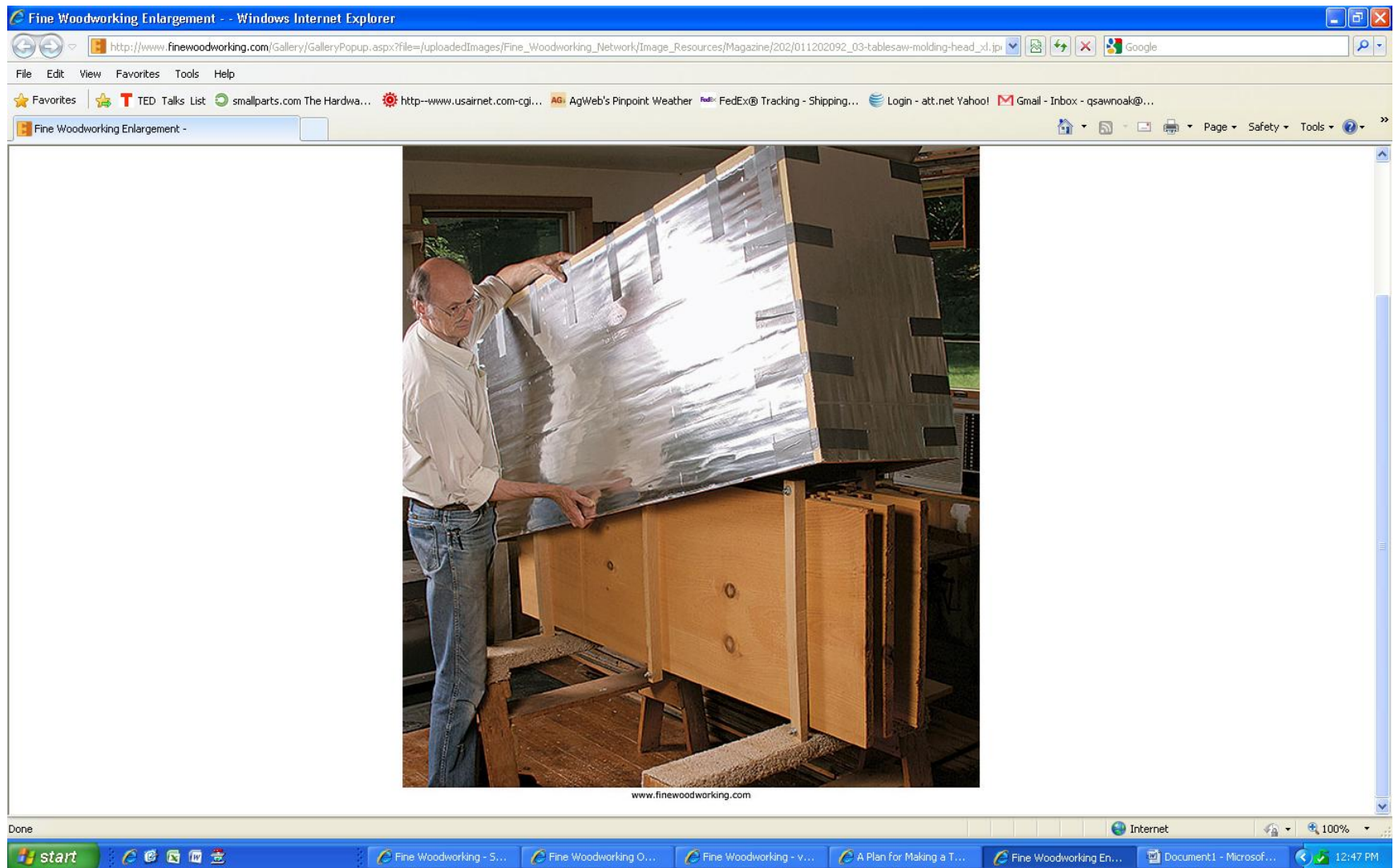


For larger pieces, FWW contributor Becksvoort makes a temporary kiln from foil-faced foam insulation. It has two sides, two ends, and a top, but no bottom. Make a hinged vent at the top of one end by cutting off a 6-in.-wide strip and reattaching it with tape.

Stack the boards, placing stickers at 2-ft. intervals, and cover them with the kiln. Use an electric heater to heat the kiln to 170°F. Track the temperature with a thermometer. Adjust the vent (if needed) to maintain it long enough for the core of the lumber to reach 160+ (about 4 hours). Be sure that you have adequate room between the space heater and the lumber in order to prevent a fire.

Pitch might ooze and settle on the surface, but once it cools, it can be scraped off.



WOODWORKER'S OVEN

Becksvoort uses a kiln made from foil-faced rigid insulation to cook large pine boards and set the pitch