



#### D. Stanley FatMax Measuring Tape



If you're going to be a bear you might as well be a grizzly. Don't walk around with a silly 10 foot or 16 foot tape measure that looks like a piece of limp spaghetti. You are going to definitely need a nice tape measure and I have found the Stanley FaxMax to be my favorite. Minimum, I would purchase the 25 foot tape but my preference is the 30 foot tape. Shop around because the price varies quit a bit. Check to see if we have a "Promo Discount" at Home Depot or Lowes.

#### E. Leica DISTO™ A3 Handheld Distance Laser Meter



Okay, this is a luxury toy/tool. Only for you guys with extra discretionary income. If you go with this model shop around but it will be around \$299.00. You could go with a cheaper model that would accomplish what I want. Leica is on of the best manufacturers for these laser tools. What I love about this tool is when you are on the job you can take quick and accurate measurements which are not that easy with a tape measure. And it is much faster than a tape measure for many situations. For example, I can quickly check door and window rough openings, even on those window that could be 12 feet tall, in half the time and more accurate than using a tape measure. Checking the length and width of a room can be done in seconds.

#### F. Architect and Engineer's Scale



You will need one of each. The architect scale you will use with your plans, the engineer scale you will use with your site plan. Simply play with them for an hour or two and you'll know exactly how to use them. Any office supply house will carry them.

#### G. Palm Pilot



Shop around and see the different models. I keep everything on my palm. Tons of notes, everyone's phone number, calendar, you name it. I believe the desktop software is free to download and even if you don't have a handheld the desktop is a great time saver on keeping up with to do lists, etc. If you can spring for the handheld at this point I highly recommend it. I have all my subs, suppliers, and associates right at my finger tips.