There's been some recent discussion on SAM Talk about the merits of a 3M product called Sandblaster sandpaper. It's available at Sherwin Williams Paint Stores and at Home Depot, and is supposedly superior to all other forms of sandpaper. It doesn't like getting wet or high humidity—not usually a problem in Southern California. But it's said to last for a long time and to cut very well.

The SAM Talkers had another tip about a source for sanding blocks. Apparently paint and dry wall stores carry white foam sanding blocks that are about a foot long and two or three inches wide. The back of the block is molded in a curved shape to fit your hand. The large block would be just the ticket for sanding an old timer wing, and the foam backer wouldn't tend to dig in. Of course you can chop that foam block up into just about any shape you want for smaller sanding blocks.