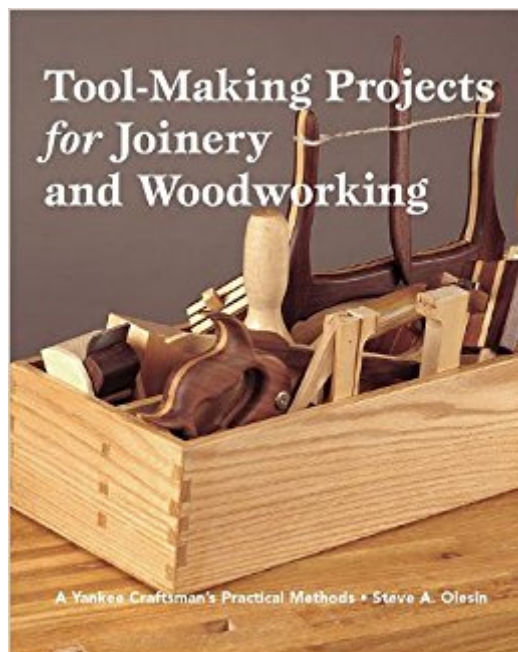




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Shows you how to cut joints and make a fine tool tote using the hand tools you've made yourself! Woodworkers love to use fine hand tools to make projects. The only thing more satisfying than that is working wood with hand tools the craftsman has made for him- or herself. This practical and comprehensive handbook presents detailed instructions for making 20 essential hand tools for joinery and general woodworking. All the tools can be made using common workshop tools and techniques. These tools include everything the craftsman needs to cut the frame and box joints that are at the heart of furniture and interior woodworking. Readers will learn how to cut mortise-and-tenon joints and dovetail joints using the tools they have made.

Steve A. Olesin teaches woodworking and builds stringed instruments and furnishings in Acton, MA. Trained as an engineer, Olesin is a lifelong woodworker.

The book description and cover photo show some great hand tools BUT the descriptions are mostly based on using power tools to make hand tools. That just does not work for me. I do not wish to

purchase hundreds of dollars of power tools in order to make hand tools. Not the skill set I want to pursue. I would not have purchased it knowing the contents that I do now. Seller did an excellent job, very fast.

Tools are expensive. Making your own tools is one way around that. Good book. I have given 2 copies as gifts.

I ordered this book to find plans and methods to make woodworking tools to use at the 1790 village I do demonstrations at. I thought if I made more of the tools I use it would add to the visitors experience. This book works for me. I am happy with the content and methods presented.

I liked this book for the reason that it gave me some ideas of my own that I'm working on currently.

This has a lot of good, simple, and well explained for anyone wanting to learn some different techniques that goes along with woodworking.

I had to rethink this review after scanning other reviewer's comments. Some things I could add are: Some of the tools in this book are of decidedly contemporary or modern styles that would not be appropriate for a period reenactor. Others would easily adapt if there were small styling/materials changes made. For example, not laminating multi-colors of wood. I have to admit that I'd overlooked or not noticed that the book may be power-tool centric. Unfortunately, that's probably because I'd characterize myself as what some would call a hybrid woodworker. I like to use hand tools whenever I can but my personal preference is to rely on power tools when they're appropriate (assuming I have that tool). I've ripped and resawn boards by hand and I've decided that I'd rather spend my time doing something else and use power tools for those operations. There's certainly nothing wrong with a hand-tool only approach and I probably should take another look at the book to see if it easily adapts to hand-tool use for constructing the tools. As for this book, there are three sections to it: The first explains how to make 20 different hand tools. There are some very clear illustrations but they're primarily hand drawn. You will also need to reference the text as not every step has an illustration. None of these tools should be that challenging to make nor consume large amounts of pricey material. This book is aimed more at producing lower key and lower budget tools that leave room to learn as you make them. I think once you make a few tools it's pretty easy to get a little addicted and try doing a small run to give as gifts to friends and family. These tools really can

make some nice and very personal gifts. The second section deals with methods for making various joints used in constructing the tools. This section is of a more general nature. Lastly there is a section listed as Appendices for a little bit of general knowledge and further reading. This is a pretty good book for someone interested in making hand tools. The book is several years old and some of the information has been eclipsed by various vendors who offer components to make some tools that are similar to what is in the book. For example, there are some incredibly good components out there for making back saws. Those saws would be significantly better than the one in the book. Other items like the mallets, gauges and knives (or the bulk of the book) are probably every bit as good as what you could buy.

Make your own tools this is an excellent resource..sounds like fun as well. You'll be fascinated from start to finish.

I found this book extremely useful and full of great ideas. I would have preferred a book with step by step color pictures but the illustrations are adequate. You do have to actually read the book to get any value out of it since the illustrations are relatively sparse.

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