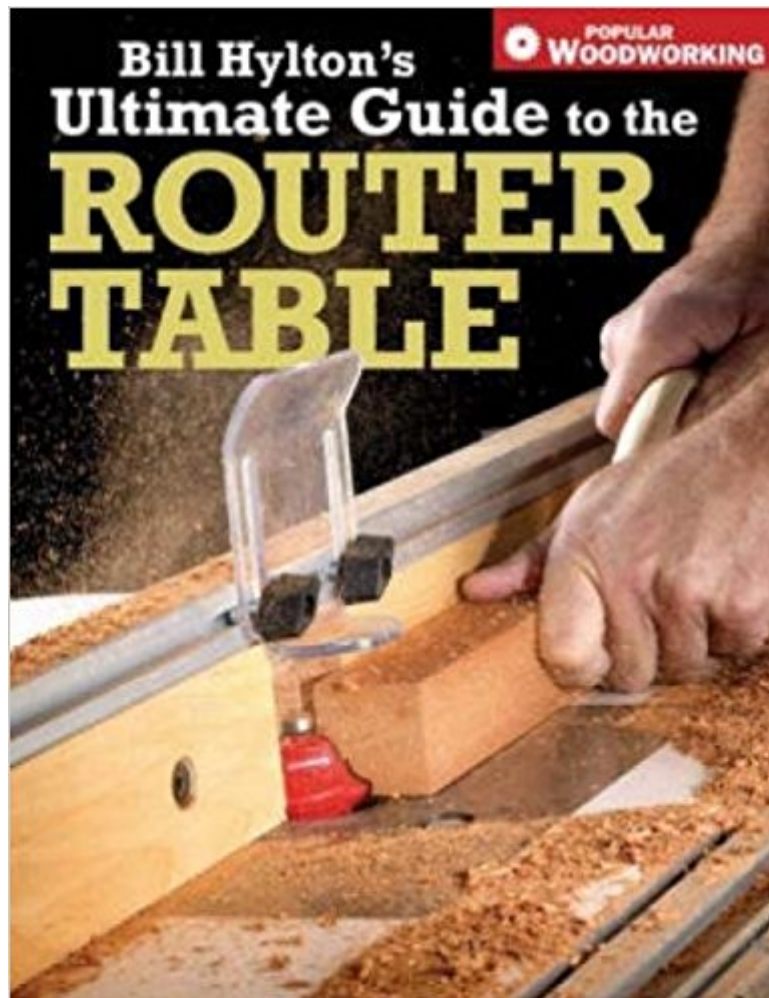




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# Bill Hylton's Ultimate Guide To The Router Table (Popular Woodworking)



## Synopsis

The first operator's manual for the router table! If you don't have a router table in your shop yet, you should! The router table opens up a whole new world of using the router that simply can't be done using it any other way. Operations such as edge profiling, making mouldings, cutting lock-miter joints, box joints, rabbets, grooves, splined miters, using templates, pin routing and more can be done using a router table. Using this book, you'll learn basic router-table knowledge, safety issues, setup fundamentals, feed direction and workpiece control. Also, you'll learn about specific operations unique to the router table and how to do them safely.

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## Customer Reviews

Bill Hylton is a longtime woodworker and woodworking writer. He writes a column on power tool joinery for Popular Woodworking magazine and is a frequent contributor to Woodworker's Journal. He is a renowned authority on the use of the router and router table. His book, Router Magic, is the bestselling (Bookscan RTD sales 18,718 copies) router book of all time.

This probably the best book (127 pp) on router tables and their use that I have come across. One of the best features are the numerous pictures to illustrate the various tips and methods of doing things. About 1/4 (47PP) is devoted to setting up and basic use of the table. The rest of the book

contains tips and methods using different bits to cut profiles, various joints, using templates and frame and panel basics. Unlike many other books it does not waste any pages by reviewing various routers or router tables, instead it focuses on tips for using the router table different set-ups. You can google for a table of contents and sample pages.

([http://books.google.com/books/about/Bill\\_Hylton\\_s\\_Ultimate\\_Guide\\_to\\_the\\_Rout.html?id=LznH-X9Xv9EC](http://books.google.com/books/about/Bill_Hylton_s_Ultimate_Guide_to_the_Rout.html?id=LznH-X9Xv9EC)).

Update: Just received the printed paperback, what a difference 4 pictures to every page really explains what Bill Hylton is trying to say in the text. I do not recommend Kindle for this book. I just bought the book version. Kindle is great, but the book is much more useful as a paperback. I have a few books on routers and Hyltons book is the only one dedicated to routers tables. There are some reviews that said it is only good for building a table. Obviously they did not actually read the book. Bill Hylton is an expert on Routers. This covers almost every phase of routers. Great book

I got this book thinking I would build my own router table. Hylton offered a whole lot of alternatives, with explanations of the applications, benefits, and limitations of each. Because I have so little room in the tiny shed I pretend is my "shop," I saw that I couldn't possibly use some of the larger tables, even if some had given me one. Furthermore, I knew I might want to take my router table to our apartments to use there. So the table had to be sort of portable. Years ago I had used a less powerful router, with 1/4" collet, under an inexpensive Craftsman table. It was fine for the work I needed to do. But I wanted to use more of the router's capability, and I had a powerful tradesman's Porter-Cable router. So I wanted a good table. I loved reading about the various tables; and the color illustrations and photos couldn't be beat for clarity and interest. So, after studying Hylton's book, and after reading recommendations on various commercially available tables, I bought a Bosch router table. I got it barely used for just \$100, and the fellow threw in a set of 19 1/2" bits. THE SURPRISE! How has Hylton's book benefited me? Why five stars? I had not anticipated how comprehensive this book is. The huge majority of the book is devoted to how to use the table-mounted router: what you can do, and how to do it. THIS MAKES THE BOOK MORE THAN WORTHWHILE. Any other benefits? First, it's great fun to read, and then to browse again and again. Second, the information in this book actually enabled me to purchase the Bosch table with the assurance that it would be right for me. Tird, Hylton shows how to set up and adjust the table -- which I did with the Bosch. Finally, Hylton showed the necessity of having a way to get rid of dust and chips -- which I had not thought of. The book is designed to be used in a shop. It is sturdy, the

print is fairly large, and the headings are in bold type (This may seem irrelevant as you read this on your computer; but when you are in the shop, constantly switching your attention between the book and the project you are working on, you'll appreciate it.) If Hylton's "Ultimate Guide to the Router Table" has a weakness, it is that it presents no plans for any tables, just a few photos of various tables. But a good woodworker can build the tables just by looking at the photos. And if he had wanted to include plans, which plans would he have selected? Get a plan elsewhere

I didn't really think I needed this book, but I checked it out from the library and then bought it. I had it in mind that I pretty well knew how to use my router and that I could do just about anything I needed to do with my makeshift router table. After reading this book however, I realized that I have not been using my router very safely or efficiently. This book shows much easier ways to complete a variety of joinery tasks and has inspired me to build a much more substantial, if still a bit makeshift, router table. While I have always known that the router is one of the most useful power tools in the shop, especially if mounted under a table top, it is a much more versatile tool than I had thought previously. If you are just getting started in woodworking, this is a book worth having, and even if you have been at it for a while, this book will likely show you easy techniques and operations which you had not imagined doing with a router.

Excellent book! This book has given me the knowledge to use my router table with confidence and safety. It is invaluable, especially since I have never used a router before and I had to start from the beginning. This book starts with the basics from set up of your table, how to change bits to how to make different cuts, to making your own sliding fence to dust collection, etc. etc. The pictures/illustrations are well done, explained thoroughly and show proper and improper techniques, of which I find extremely helpful. This is truly a comprehensive guide to using your router table. It is worth checking it out.

I'm new to having a router and table and was questioning if I should have bought them. This book showed me so many features of my table that now I use it a lot. I should have bought this before I bought my table.

This book has lots of information with pictures in addition to text. Many helpful suggestions as well. I would recommend it.

Very well done text and illustrations. The Author obviously knows what he's talking about without being pretentious. From building several versions of tables to employing simple techniques for getting busy using the tool in the shop, it's all there for the taking. Even if you already own a shop built or production table, understanding how they are constructed translates to quick and accurate methods for set-up and routing. Highly recommended.

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