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How To Make Knives



Synopsis

A History of Handmade Knives Safety Starts with your State of Mind How to Make a Knife by the Stock Removal Method Making a Sheath Making a Knife at the Moran Forge Alternative Sheath-Making Method How to Make a Knife with Hand Tools Flat Grinding Soldering the Guard Solderless Guard Hidden Tang Applying Scale Handles Mirror Polishing Tools Materials Knife Design Source of Services and Materials

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Customer Reviews

I was not impressed at all with this book. Appears to be written in 1977. I'm sure that a lot of the information is outdated and the pictures are horrible. They are black and white and very dark. The text seems to skip over topics very briefly. Better, more relevant information can be found on internet for free.

I am a do-it-yourselfer and like to read books and then attempt to do the things described. I have had a lot of success with this. This book is not for people like me. If you want an interesting history of knifemaking or a who's -who of knifemaking, read this book. It faithfully describes tools and techniques that are very unlikely to be used successfully by the novice. The final insults are the lack of updating and the poor quality of the illustrations. There are better texts out there for the serious knifemaker. For the novice, this book is next to useless. Its niche seems to be for the history buff.

I bought this book as well as 3 others on knife making from . This book is good for if you have some decent tools and even has a section for doing it all with hand tools. The major complaint and only reason I gave it 4/5 is because about half of the pictures are way to dark. You can hardly see what is going on with them. If they were lighter with more contrast it would have been better. The other pictures are fine. Overall I am still glad I bought the book and would recommend it for a beginning knife maker.

I received two knife blanks in the mail recently, thinking it would be fun to make handles and craft up a finished knife for myself and my son. I am a decent woodworker with a limited amount of space and "shop" equipment, but thought it would be fun to mess around with a project like this. I ordered this book, just to get some pointers and procedures on this project. I was totally impressed with this book as soon as I opened it. It really is much more than I anticipated. A very thorough look at a high-end professional knifemaker's shop and equipment is just part of the package. Every single part of the process, from cutting blanks, to using the right abrasives, to soldering, to grinding is described in the utmost detail, in word and in photographs. It's amazing. I mean, with this book, a dedicated craftsman would find great useful information on techniques, materials and the best equipment to start his or her own knife making business. It's that good. My interest is totally casual. I make things, rustic furniture, walking sticks, I do carpentry, I fix old planes and chisels and antique tools, bringing them back to good usable condition. This goes way beyond the level of skill that I am interested in, though this is not a criticism, just a comment. It is fascinating to see the great skill, craftsmanship and time required to craft a fine knife this way. I'm recommending this book to anybody interested in getting the inside scoop on an honorable and fine craft, whether for cursory interest or for diving in as a newbie pro knifemaker. It is a superior book, in every way.

This book has more than just the basics, its an outstanding addition to my collection and is full of very useful information. I bought it used, but you would never guess it, its in great shape (Thank you seller) and if your already into making knives...buy this book, if your thinking of getting into making knives...buy this book, and if your just interested in the process...buy this book. Thanks Allen

Loved it. Very informative

more technical than I realized.

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