GETTING STARTED WITH **A SIMPLE BEGINNER'S GUIDE**

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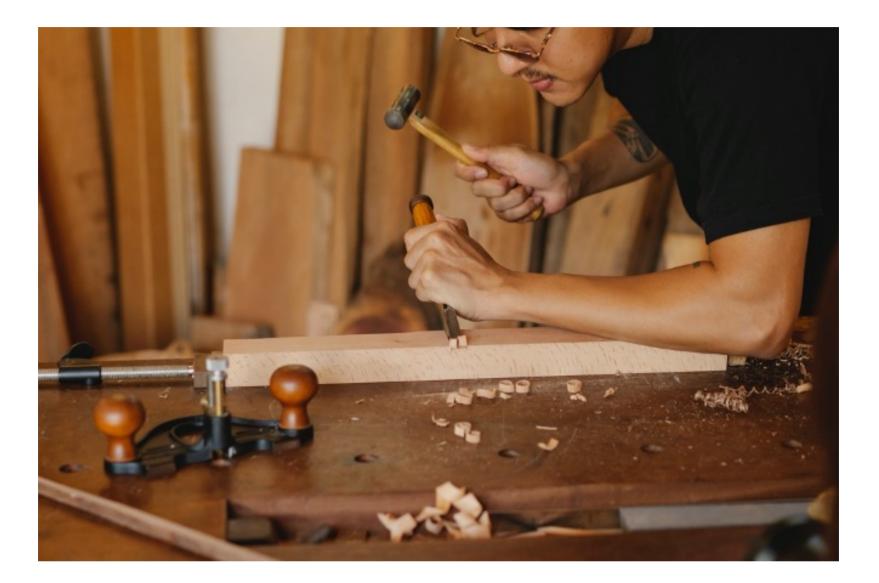
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Getting Started with Woodworking

A Simple Beginner's Woodworking Guide



Woodworking. Woodwork King (or Queen for that matter). We thought about this for the name of our website briefly. Maybe one day we will decide to change our name. Or maybe someone reading this will one day start a woodworking business with this name.

But for now (and the foreseeable future), we are <u>WoodWorking Plans Now</u>!

Though we began as a website where you can access beginner and intermediate woodworking plans, we have grow rapidly to become a complete woodworking resource.

Now, we offer articles on woodworking ideas, tools, and more. We are constantly looking for helpful ideas to improve woodworkers experience in this exciting hobby or career.

This curiosity and desire to give more to the woodworking community is what led us to creating this book.

You can tell by the title that this book is designed to help someone getting started with woodworking.

It is a simple beginner's woodworking guide.

But we wanted this to also be a complete guide.

As you read this book, this may be the first time you are getting to know us as well as getting started in woodworking.

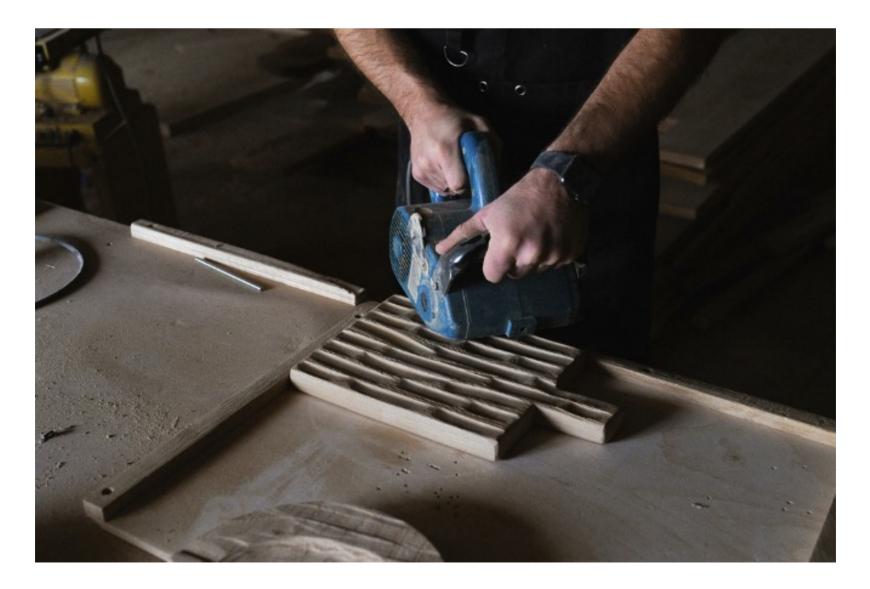
So we did not want to just rush some book out to you. We took our time with this book so we could get it right. It may not be perfect, but it will damn sure be helpful!

It has our name on it and it represents our website so we want it to be of the utmost quality.

We imagine that is the same way you will feel about your woodworking projects.

"Beavers build houses; but they build them in nowise differently, or better now, than they did, five thousand years ago. Ants, and honey-bees, provide food for winter; but just in the same way they did, when Solomon referred the sluggard to them as patterns of prudence. Man is not the only animal who labors; but he is the only one who improves his workmanship." (Abraham Lincoln)

Woodworking 101: What is Woodworking?



It is the art or craft of making things out of wood, which includes cabinet making, carpentry, joinery, furniture making, and turning.

The term is usually used when referring to the craft of building things from wood. It can be learned by a person who wants to learn how to make things out of wood themselves, or by getting a job in a shop.

This form of wood crating can be done by someone who is a beginner, intermediate, or expert in.

It is sometimes considered to be the most popular hobby, or craft, that people engage in. Some woodworkers, however, are not actually hobbyists, but rather business people who use their skills for business purposes.

Business people who take up this craft as a hobby get involved in this form of craft to build their own personal store, or have someone else build it for them, such as a shed or a workshop.

Other woodworkers, however, build custom-made furniture for homes, offices, and businesses. A woodworking business involves many different aspects of the craft, such as construction, flooring, counter-tops, shelving, painting, and design.

Woodworking, because it allows woodworkers to make things that are unique, one-ofa-kind, or just plain beautiful, is in itself a form of art. It takes patience, skill, and practice to master woodworking.

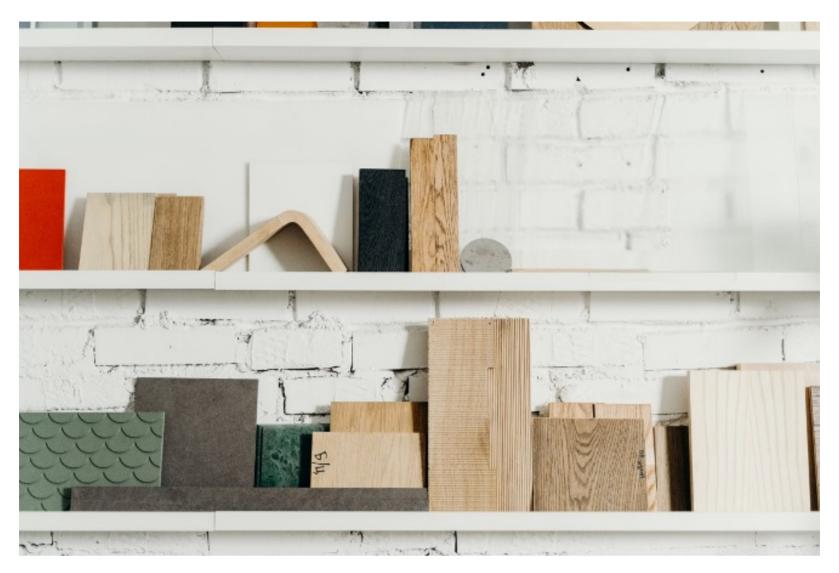
One advantage, aside from being able to make things yourself or having a place to work in your home, is that it is very inexpensive to do it.

People who are into woodworking tend to be very picky about what they use, so quality products and workmanship are important to them.

Is woodworking a dying art?

Many people think that wood crafting is an outdated art that no longer has any place in society.

In many parts of the world, it is seen as a hobby that does not make much money, and many people do not even have a basic understanding of how it all works. Some people have even lost interest in learning how to build woodworking projects due to the perceived complexity of them. It may seem like woodworking has fallen out of favor, but this is only partially true.



Many woodworking enthusiasts love the idea of a craft that can be enjoyed by many people, without the need for an excessive amount of knowledge or skill.

Woodworking can be done by beginners who want to learn how to create tables or chairs, or those who are more skilled at working with wood and building intricate pieces.

Woodworking can be a fun hobby that helps people to relax and take pleasure in a simple hobby that can be done by anyone with a passion for it.

In addition, woodworking offers many other benefits such as becoming independent, saving money, and creating personal craft projects that you can be proud of.

Today many people of all ages are taking up wood crafts as a relaxing hobby, and these projects are enjoying a resurgence in popularity. It is a skill that anyone can learn and some can master. Plus, it is enjoyable for all ages.

Can you make a living with woodworking?



The woodworking industry provides excellent entry-level pay and can lead to a longterm career, particularly if you are well trained and have the necessary experience.

Many people today are choosing to join these kinds of jobs as a way of supplementing their income and generating a second, or third, income source.

One of the best ways for a woodworker to progress is by taking advantage of the benefits that are offered by this form of career. Benefits include:

• Opportunities to Earn Good Wages across a Wide Range of Wood Crafting Career Paths

- The Ability to Work from Home as a Woodworker
- Satisfaction and pleasure from seeing others adore and enjoy your creations
- Benefits to the Mind and Emotions (the creative activity of woodworking helps calm the intellect)
- Physical Health Benefits (because of the labor put into woodworking)

The benefits listed above can be taken advantage of by anyone wishing to join the woodwork industry and these are just a few of the many advantages a woodworker can enjoy once they have been successfully trained.

If you are seriously considering this kind of career, it is in your best interest to make sure you have taken advantage of all the advantages listed above.

It is also beneficial to take advantage of the various courses, classes, and workshops available through online sources today. By engaging in hands-on training, you can improve your skills, learn new techniques, and even meet others with like interests.

Is Woodworking an Expensive Hobby?

Woodworking costs are divided into two categories: 1) equipment and 2) material.

Woodworking can be an expensive hobby, yes, depending on what type of tools and material you are using, and how much time you are spending.

Some of the costs to start are tools, material, patterns, books, etc. You will also need to have some space to work in.

There are several options available for those who are just getting started to keep their upfront costs low.

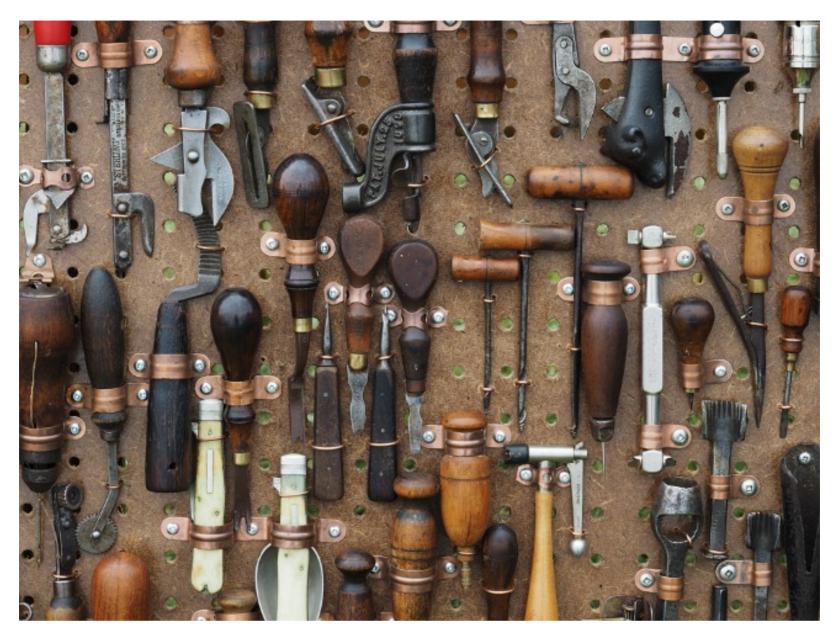
Woodworking does not have to be an expensive hobby, but depending on how serious you get, the costs will rapidly add up.

Depending on the type of project you are considering, wood crafting hobbies can range from \$100-\$1000 plus space, and other additional products you may need.

In woodworking, there are many tools to choose from, but you don't have to buy them all.

Up next, we will explore the must-have tools for woodworking and tools you get at different budgets.

Woodworking 102: 10 Must-Have Tools for Woodworking



An old adage says, "It is a poor carpenter who blames his tools" and the early pioneers built entire log cabins with just an ax and hand saw.

However, having the right assortment of woodworking tools can make a big difference in how a project turns out.

Thanks to the ever-evolving tool industry, today there are specialty tools that would seem almost magical to those early craftsman who settled the frontier.

With the right tools and some practice, anyone interested in woodworking as a hobby, business or new passion can learn and become a master woodworker and create handmade masterpieces that are a sight to behold.

However, with such a wide assortment of tools available today, knowing what tools you need to get started can be a little confusing.

Below is a basic list of must-have woodworking tools every wood shop will need to complete most projects. Beyond that, there are additional lists of other tools that are useful for woodworking projects at different budgets.

To help you get started, here is a breakdown of the must-have tools for woodworking and other tools every woodworker would find helpful.

Seven Must-Have Tools for Woodworking

1) **Circular saw:** A saw is one must-have tool that no wood shop can do without. Circular saws come in various blade diameters with the two most common being 7 1/2 and 5 1/2 inches.

Circular saws can make virtually any straight cut on any size piece of wood that has a thickness roughly no greater than one half the diameter of the saw blade.

For example, a 7 1/2 saw can cut through a piece of lumber up to 3-inches thick. Circular saws also have a miter function for making angled cuts.

There are corded and cordless versions that both have the same advantages and drawbacks. A corded saw will typically have more power and never has to be recharged but a cordless saw is handier and can be used in places where there is no power outlet.



Check out our article on the best circular saws.

2) **Cordless Drill:** One of the most popular tools for any woodworking application is a cordless drill.

Fabricating most joints in a woodworking project requires drilling holes for dowels or screws, making a drill one must-have wood shop tool.

While drills come in multiple sizes for different size drill bits, a drill with a 3/4-inch is best suited to woodworking applications.

Cordless drills are available in various voltages with the large voltage ones having more power. While drills still come in corded versions, cordless drills have evolved to the point where corded drills have become virtually obsolete for woodworking applications.

All cordless drills come with at least one battery and a charger and some have a spare battery so you can keep working while one battery is being charged. As an added bonus, cordless drills can be used for a wide variety of projects other than woodworking.



Check out our article on the best cordless drills (coming soon) or <u>explore the selection</u> on Amazon.

3) **Jigsaw:** Also referred to as a saber saw, a jigsaw has a straight and narrow reciprocating blade that is capable of making straight, serpentine, curved and circular cuts.

While they are by no means the work horse that a circular saw is, the jigsaws shines in many areas.

It is great at finishing a cut that ends in a corner where a circular saw can't reach. It is also well suited to making curved and S-shaped cuts as the narrow blade can navigate along nonlinear lines.

Perfect circles are made with a jigsaw by drawing a circle then drilling a hole large enough to insert the blade into and then cutting along the line.

Jigsaws come in many designs and sizes and are available in corded and cordless varieties.



Check out our article on the best Jigsaws (coming soon) or <u>explore the selection</u> on Amazon.

4) **Table saw:** No woodworking tool is better suited to making straight cuts than a table saw and this is why every wood shop must have one in its chest of tools.

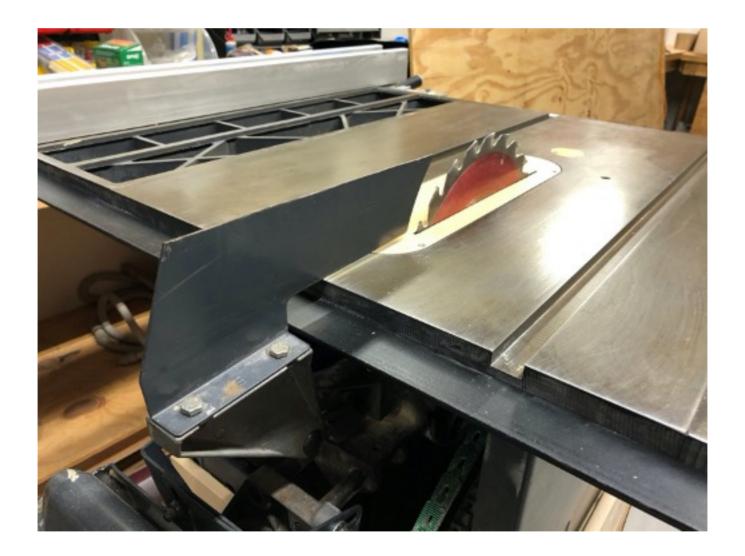
Table saws have a blade that can be adjusted for height and some table saws have a blade where the angle can also be adjusted.

The most important feature of a table saw is the adjustable "fence" that helps guide the lumber through the bade for perfectly straight cuts.

Table saws comes in table-top models, where the saw sits on top of a workbench, and free-standing models that have a set of legs.

The most versatile models have a set of removable legs so the saw can be used as either a free-standing or table-top unit.

Table saws come in both corded and non corded varieties.



Check out our article on the <u>best Table saws</u>.

5) **Electric Sander:** Unless you like the idea of sore arms and shoulders, an electric sander is another must-have woodworking tool.

There is wide variety of the types of sanders available and a few models are suited for all-around use.

Orbital and oscillating sanders are the two best suited for all-around wood shop use for the beginner.

Orbital sanders are a type of disc sander where the paper is attached to a head the spins in a circle.



Oscillating sanders have a head the moves side to side at high speed.

Both orbital and oscillating sanders are available in corded and cordless models as well as two- and onehanded designs with some onehanded models being referred to as "palm" sanders.

There are also orbital, or disc, sanding attachments for drills that sell for a fraction of the cost of an electric sander.

Of the two designs, the oscillating

sander is the better choice for woodworking.

The belt sander is another versatile option, however, these are very aggressive. While it will make short work of any sanding project, a belt sander does take a bit of practice to learn to use properly.

Check out our article on the best electric sanders (coming soon) or <u>explore the</u> <u>selection</u> on Amazon.

6) **Square:** No woodworking project will come out right if the ends of the wood are not even.

A good metal square is the least expensive and usually most often forgot about musthave woodworking tool in any woodworker's arsenal.

A good square allows for marking a perfectly straight line across the end of a piece of lumber with uneven ends so it can be cut off perfectly square.

The sides of the square also have measurements in inches and centimeters so it can double as a ruler.



Check out the Square selection on Amazon.

7) **Clamps:** Standard and right-angle clamps are a must have to hold lumber firmly in place while the ends are joined together with screws, dowels or glue.

Woodworking clamps come in over a dozen styles and a wide range of sizes with each type of clamps designed for various projects.

Every wood shop should have a few clamps of each style in an assortment of sizes.

Here are four of the most useful types of clamps:

- Parallel jaw and pipe clamps have jaws that run 90 degrees to the bar and are used for larger projects, like assembling table tops and cabinets.
- Corner clamps hold mitered pieces together such as when building a picture frame.
- Strap clamps are used to accommodate odd angles.
- Trigger-bar clamps can be operated with just one hand and are useful for smaller projects.



Check out the Clamps selection on Amazon.

Five Tools Under \$100

1) **Pocket-Screw Jig:** Fastening joints with screws can be an iffy proposition at best. This is because if the pockets are not placed in exactly the right location the joint will often times fail.

However, when used correctly, a pocket-screw jig allows for the fabrication of precise attachment points and screw placement to ensure a stable and durable joint.

A pocket-screw jig works by clamping to the end of a board and setting the exact alignment and depth for drilling a perfectly placed hole, or pocket for the screw.

The screw can then be screwed into the pocket for a precise fit.



Check out the **Pocket-Screw Jig selection** on Amazon.

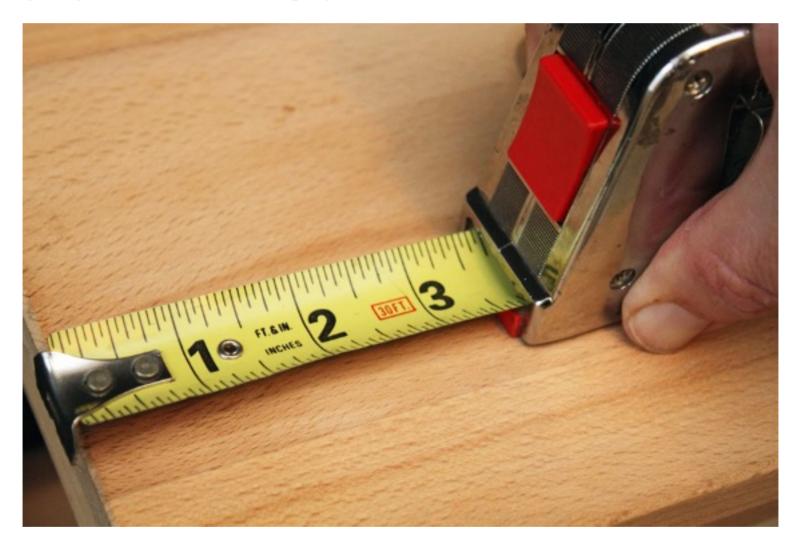
2) **Tape Measure:** Tape measures come in various lengths from three to over a hundred feet.

However, for most woodworking projects, a 25-foot tape measure is more then adequate.

The best tape measures for woodworking projects have the actual tape made of metal.

Unlike a cloth tape measure, that can stretch if pulled too tightly, metal tape measures won't stretch and throw off the measurement.

Tape measures are inexpensive enough, many under \$10, that you can have several of varying lengths suited to various projects.



Check out the <u>Tape Measure selection</u> on Amazon.

3) **Level:** A level is a handy woodworking tool for building things like bookcases, shelves and hanging cabinets.

Not only do they ensure a surface is even, a level can also be used to check for plumb by holding the level against a vertical surface.

Levels are available in sizes ranging from a few inches to several feet in length.

While plastic levels are lightweight and inexpensive, they can be damaged fairly easily.

However, a high-quality metal or wooden level will take a beating and last for years.



Check out the Levels selection on Amazon.

4) **Nail Gun:** While it is not a replacement for a hammer, a nail gun drives a nail with the pull of a trigger.

However, since a nail gun is pneumatically powered it requires some type of air compressor to operate.

There are different types of nail guns designed to drive various types of nails with the best choices for woodworking being brad, pin and finish nail guns.



Check out the Nail Gun selection on Amazon.

5) **Hole Saw:** While a jigsaw can cut the occasional serviceable hole, a hole saw kit will save a lot of labor and result much more precise holes.

Hole saw are circular blade attachment that connects to a drill that have short drill bit attached to the center.

Hole saws can be purchased in kits that have an assortment of standard size blades for cutting common sized holes in either imperial or metric measurements.



Check out the <u>Hole Saw Kit selection</u> on Amazon.

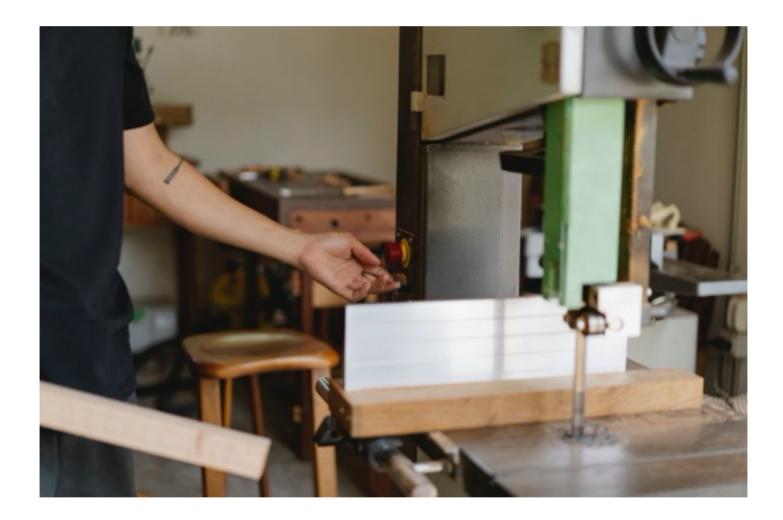
Five Tools Under \$300

1) **Band Saw:** Band saws can be looked at as sort of a hybrid of a jigsaw and table saw.

These units have a narrow blade in the shape of a band that rotates around two drums.

Band saws can cut nonlinear lines like a jigsaw and have a platform like a table saw that the wood rests on, making it easier to guide the wood through the cut.

While bands saws are really a specialty tool that many wood shops won't use all that often, they offer huge benefits if a lot of nonlinear cuts are needed on a regular bases.



Check out the Band Saw selection on Amazon.

2) **Chop Saw:** As a band saw can be looked at as a jig- and table-saw hybrid, a chop saw is best described as a cross between a circular and a table saw.

A chop saw has a rotating circular saw affixed to a stand by a hinge-like pivot.

A board is placed on the platform under the saw and the saw swings down and "chops" the board.

Chop saws are available in both corded and cordless versions.



Check out the Chop Saw selection on Amazon.

3) **Miter Saw or Box:** Some type of miter saw is a good tool to have for any woodworker who has to makes angled cuts.

A miter is actually a jig that adjusts to the desired angle and guides a saw through the cut.

While a miter box is adequate for the occasional angled cut, an electric miter saw will save a lot of work if angled cuts are needed.

Electric miter saws come in a variety of corded and cordless models.



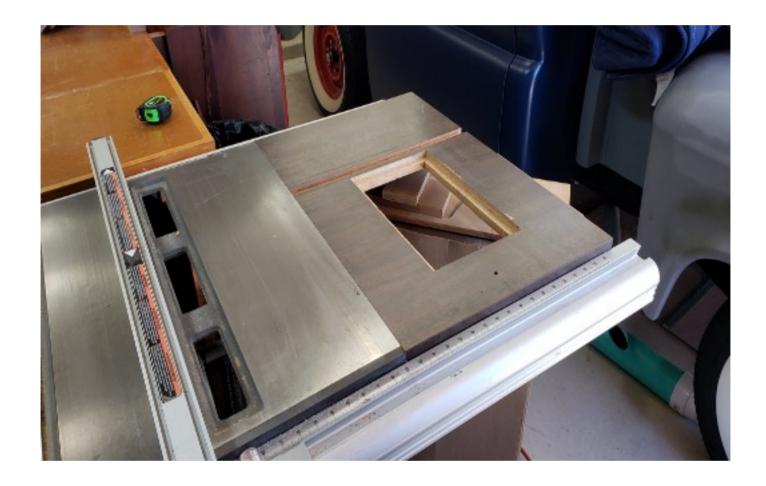
Check out the Miter Saw selection on Amazon.

4) **Router:** Routers allow you to ad various types of decorative edges and scroll work to woodworking project such as table tops, mirror frames and cabinet doors.

Routers can also be used for cutting grooves for joints, making door hinge mortises, carving numbers and letters, drill holes and cut plugs.

While most routers can be used freehand, an optional routing table allows for greater control and precision.

As with most modern handheld woodworking tools, routers come in corded and cordless models and in various sizes and styles.



Check out the <u>Router selection</u> on Amazon.

5) **Planer/Jointer:** While there are tools that will plane wood and tools that will make joints, a jointer-planer will do both and is a worthwhile investment for any serious woodworker.

A jointer planer has a separate bed for the planer and another for the jointer.

The jointer feature has blades that cut the wood on the bottom and the planer has blades that cut the wood from the top.

Planer/jointers are available in tabletop and freestanding models.



Check out the <u>Planer/Jointer selection</u> on Amazon.

Woodworking 103: Simple Beginners Project - How to Make a Floating Shelf

Getting to know the various tools is great, but the true excitement comes from what you are able to create with those tools.

Are you ready to build something?

Are you looking for some project ideas that are beginner-friendly and don't take too much time?

We have a few simple projects to get you started.

View our article on <u>How to Make a Floating Shelf</u>.

View our article on <u>How to Make a Simple Wooden Jewelry Box</u>.

View our article on <u>How to Make a Mid-Century Plant Stand</u>.

Now that you have some simple project ideas to get started, let's explore some woodworking tips and tricks.

Woodworking 104: Woodworking Tips and Tricks!

From precise cabinets to complex rustic objects, everything is made through woodworking. It is, in fact, more diverse than we think at first, and you can create just about anything you want—furniture, boats, animal housing, toys— you name it!

Does that sound fun?

Of course it does, but before you dive right in, let's look at some tips and tricks that could save you time, energy, and/or prevent injury.

Basics For Beginners

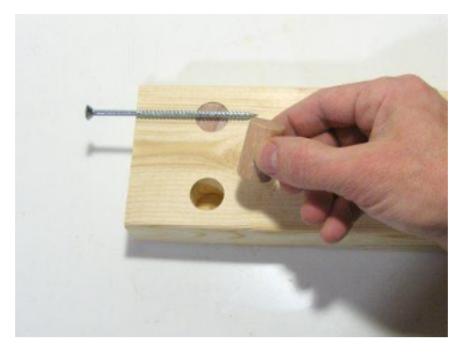
We know you have little to no knowledge about woodworking and even lesser experience building anything out of wood. Our detailed woodworking tips will help you understand the bare basics to get you started.

But it will also ensure a better optimization of your outcome and that too, with minimal risks.

Maintaining Safety

It goes without saying how important it is to remain cautious about your safety while cutting wood. It should be your primary concern throughout the whole process too.

Small or irregular wood parts can especially prove to be the most difficult. As a foolproof safety measure, you can attach those parts to a piece of scrap wood. Following this, use a dowel screw to keep the assembly straight.



This helps your hands stay far from the cutting blade. Such screws are moderately cheap and can be bought from any nearby wood store too.

Know Your Dimensions

Upon starting, you will notice the dimensions mentioned are not what they seem on the actual wood. A 4x4 wood is never actually 4 inches by four inches. In reality, it turns out to be 3.5x3.5, or a 2x4 will be 1.5x3.5, and so on.

Make sure you are buying the correct wood dimension, keeping this in mind, so you do not have to fall short. As per a recent lawsuit, you might find two sets of dimensions mentioned on the packaging nowadays.

Don't get confused. It is just the nominal dimension as compared to the actual measurement.

Making Your Mixing Surface

A mixing surface is an essential requirement for woodworking that helps mix epoxy resin or glue, among other things. The good news is that you can make it on your own, and it requires only need a painter's tape.

Use a bench or similar material where you can lay down the tape. Cut out pieces of the tape and make sure that they overlap each other. This would prevent any of the mixtures from staining the bench.

Once done, all you need to do is peel the tape off and discard it. This technique works with any other material that needs quick accessibility, like wood glue or plaster mix. It

works just as well as a sound mixing board, but without any of the bucks required to buy it.



Staining And Stain Indexing

As a novice, staining wood pieces having deep recesses and knowing the exact shade of stain can be challenging. For the former, use a spray bottle. Spray bottles allow you to quickly get to the tight or hidden crevices that are otherwise hard to reach.

You can spray your desired area and wipe away the excess once it dries out. Once sorted, you need to think about indexing. You can start by making your index to determine the required shade.

All you need is masking tapes for this. Cut out and lay them down to create sections on top of the wood board. Apply the stains across the tape section, covering the whole width. Once they dry out, do a lengthwise brush.

Dried indexes will allow you to how each stain would look on the wood and help you decide. If you have a lot of indexes to choose from, use both sides of the board.

Easily Align Your Angles

It takes time to get together the cut edges and angle them correctly. But a painter's tape would help you to clamp those mitered edges just like a woodworking master.

Just set up the edges so that their outer surface faces upwards. Then deploy the painter's tape holding those surfaces from one edge to the other. This technique will allow you to

quickly flip over and access the sloping edges, following which you can glue them together.

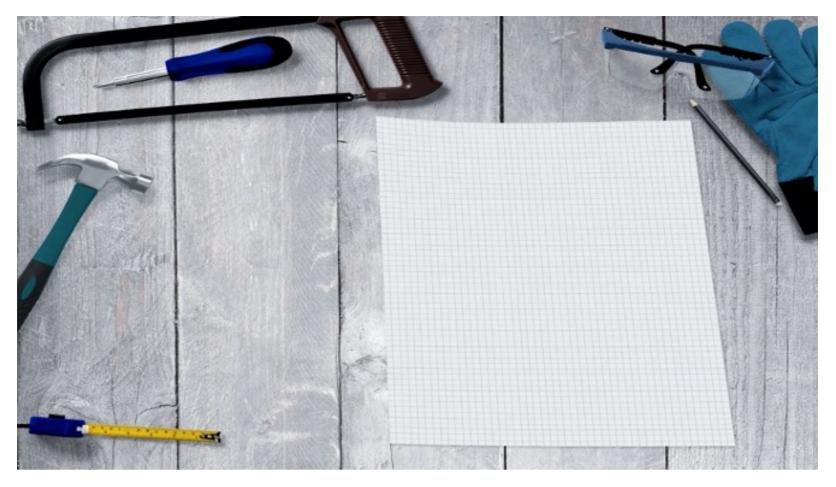


Tape the edges and leave them for a while, and you are good to go. This tape is handy for getting stuff done. This is because you can easily remove them, and the glue doesn't attach too firmly. As a result, your sanding and finishing also become hassle-free.

We understand that our tips and tricks are not the only ones. We have put together a video roundup with videos that share additional tips and creative projects to motivate and guide you.

Check out the <u>Video Roundup</u> of helpful and creative videos from around the web.

Woodworking 105: Woodworking Plans



Woodworking is an easy hobby to get into. It's also one that has a lot of depth to it.

As you get deeper and deeper into the hobby, you can expect to find a world of wonders you didn't know existed.

Getting there, however, can be quite tough.

Woodworking is a complex hobby with a lot to figure out. This is especially true when you are new.

One of the best ways to both improve your skills and get deeper into the hobby is through the <u>use of woodworking plans</u>. Proper use of this powerful tool can drastically increase the quality of your projects.

If you're new, your projects probably start and end at your workstation. The only real planning you do is deciding on what your next project will be. This way of woodworking is perfectly valid.

However, it does come with a lot of problems. For instance, you may not discover design flaws into it's too late. Likewise, you may not realize that there's an easier way to do something or a better order to do things.

Woodworking plans, however, can go a long way in mitigating or avoiding these issues.

By deciding ahead of time how you'll do things, you'll have an easier time getting through your project.

You'll discover flaws early and will then be able to come up with ways to fix them ahead of time.

Not only that, the end result will end up being much better than if you had done the project by the seat of your pants.

If you're like most beginners, however, you may have some reservations about using woodworking plans. You may think they are hard to use, too time consuming or maybe just plain cheating. These reservations are understandable but they are also quite wrong.

Planning out your projects may seem time consuming or annoying, but it's actually the reverse.

Woodworking plans make working on your project an even bigger joy. Instead of struggling through difficult aspects of your project you can instead focus on the project itself.

It also isn't cheating because you are actually coming up with the project yourself. Not just that, you also solve any potential problems on your on.

Finally, woodworking plans may be difficult for some to use, but they make up for it in other ways.

Sure, coming up with your own plans may be tough at first. As you gain more experience, however, this planning stage starts to become much easier to do.

Before you know it, your simple plans will become complex designs full of interesting design choices and tricky building requirements.

Of course, this type of thing isn't for everybody. Other people may be more comfortable using woodworking plans they <u>get from someone else</u>.

This is a completely valid choice that has the potential to allow you to work on really fun and interesting projects no matter what your skill level is.

For both fresh-faced beginners and seasoned vets, woodworking plans have the potential to skyrocket your woodworking ability.

One common mistake among woodworkers just getting started with plans, however, involves abandoning creativity.

It doesn't matter if you're brand new or a professional woodworker, plans will make woodworking a much more satisfying experience.

They allow you to quickly improve your designs, fix tricky flaws and create identical replicas quickly.

They are instrumental for any aspiring business owner while still providing a strong base for the weekend warrior.

In short, woodworking plans are one of the strongest tools in a woodworker's arsenal.

If you are thinking about adding these powerful tools to your repertoire, don't wait.

They can be tough to create, but they are well worth the hassle.

And if you really hate them that much, you can easily find quality plans online.

Woodworking 106: Embrace Your Creativity



When you start using woodworking plans, it's easy to fall into the trap of following it to the letter.

There's nothing wrong with this method of using plans, but it's important to know that it's not the only one.

More specifically, it's important to not get so caught up following the directions to the "T" that you forget the most important part of woodworking: embracing your creativity.

For instance, that means not being afraid to move away from the plan and add your own flair to it.

You can experiment and try new techniques or even go in a completely different direction that what the plans states.

In some ways, you can consider woodworking plans as less of a list of directions and as more of a guideline instead.

Among the most experienced woodworkers, the end result may not even look anything like what the actual woodworking plan describes.

Of course, if you're a beginner, it might be a good idea to stick quite close to any plans you use for a little while. As your skills improve, you can starting adding your own flair and style to your projects.

As you get better, you may even find that you stop using plans all together. By this point, however, you'll have a good amount of woodworking knowledge. All of the problems and difficulties that you may have once had will now be a thing of the past.

That's a good thing as creativity plays a large role when it comes to woodworking.

Although the myriad talk of plans may make it seem otherwise, woodworking is a highly creative hobby that sometimes requires having an artistic eye.

This creativity comes in not just when it comes to decorating or styling your project either.

Coming up with an interesting design that is both appealing and functional require a substantial amount of creativity.

The good news, however, is that this creativity can be learned.

As you continue to finish projects using woodworking plans, your visual library of viable woodworking techniques will begin to increase.

Once you have a large enough library, you'll be able to start mix and matching them to create wonderful results.

As you become even more experienced, you may even start to combine these different elements.

From there, the possibilities are endless as you begin to use these combined techniques to create woodworking projects that you can be proud of.

Before you know it, you may even decide to take your hobby further. It may even be easier than you think.

Woodworking 107: Hobby or Business



For many aspiring woodworkers, the dream of owning their own woodworking business is a large one.

For many, however, this dream will always stay a dream.

Stepping out on your own and having your own business is a very scary thought for many people – woodworker or not.

And let's be frank here, there's a very valid reason for that.

Self-employment isn't for everyone.

For those who aren't afraid of the dangers, however, opening your very own woodworking business is easier to do than you would think.

Although it's still a very difficult endeavor, opening your own business is possible with the right mindset.

The actual ins and outs of small business is beyond the scope of this book, however.

What isn't outside the scope, though, is the importance of woodworking plans. In the case of a woodworking business, this importance is even greater than it would be otherwise.

Businesses need structure and a properly designed plan can give you that structure. For example, woodworking plans allow you to carefully design each of your wares. This gives you the ability to quickly produce more product if the need arises.

The power of plans, however, is just as strong after you get your business going. They allow you to quickly create new design or refine your current ones.

Sometimes a flaw won't show itself until the last minute.

A good woodworking plan can be the difference between a successful launch or a failure in times like these.

If your business becomes a success, plans can even allow you to quickly mass produce your product. That doesn't mean sending them to a third party to build instead though. You can just as easily create more woodworking wares quickly and easily by yourself. But that's only if you have a plan. Even the most skilled woodworkers struggle with replicating their projects from scratch.

Even if you don't plan to make a business out of your hobby, you may still encounter situations where a plan would be useful.

For example, imagine a friend asking you to build them something you built for yourself.

Rather than being forced to say no or build them a sloppy replica, you can instead build them the real deal.

You may even end up discovering some new refinements you can make in the process.

All-in-all, woodworking plans go a long way in allowing you to get deeper into the hobby while improving your skills.

Thank you for reading this book.

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