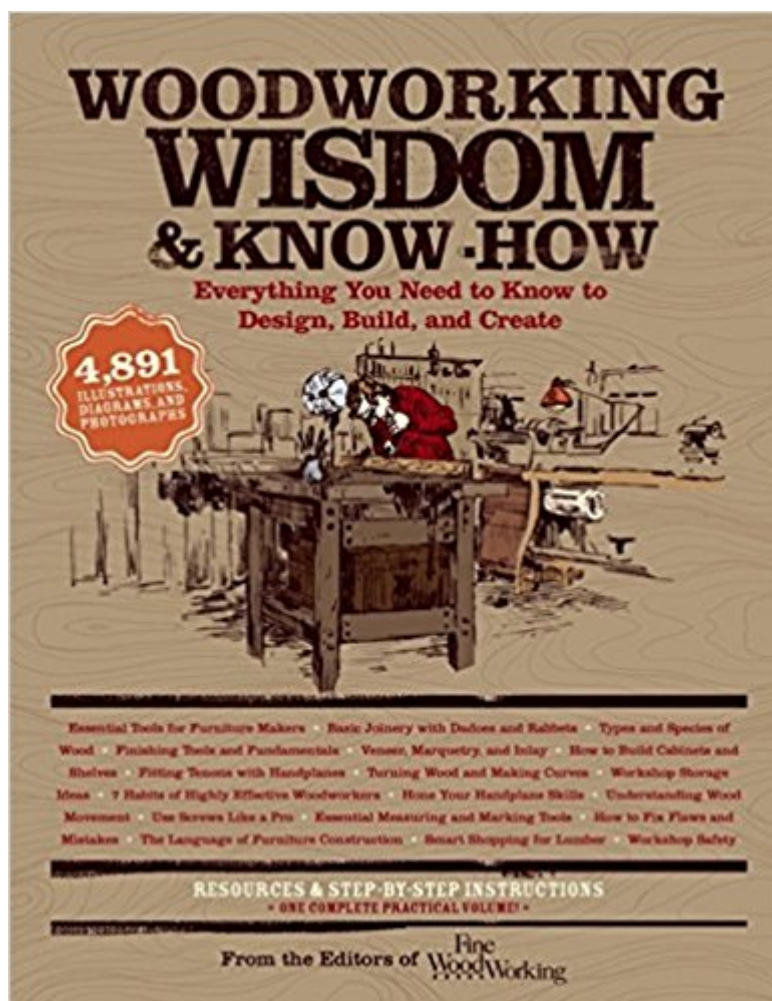


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# Woodworking Wisdom & Know-How: Everything You Need To Know To Design, Build, And Create



## Synopsis

The latest addition to Black Dog's best-selling Wisdom and Know-How series, this complete, all-in-one, easy-to-follow resource, from the reliable experts at Taunton Press, covers everything you need to know about woodworking, from carving to building to finishes. Woodworking Wisdom & Know-How is the essential go-to book for every woodworking project under the sun, from building kitchen cabinets to refinishing a deck. Published in the same oversized, comprehensive, winning format as the other books in Black Dog's Wisdom and Know-How series, this book is organized by topics such as Types of Wood, Building a Workshop, Working and Finishing Wood, Design and Styles, and Small and Large Projects. Each section is further broken down into chapters that cover specific skills, projects, and crafts for both the beginner and the advanced woodworker. Choosing Plywood, Cutting Dovetails, Building a Look-Inside Birdhouse, Relief Carving, Constructing a Classic Bed, Handheld Power Tools, Building a Cherry Chest of Drawers, Milling Lumber Four-Square, Fashioning a Shaker- Style Clock, and much more. Chapters feature step-by-step instructions, and an appendix of essential resources for supplies, tools, and materials is also included. The text, sourced from Taunton Press's vast cache of projects and woodworking advice is trusted, tried, and true. Other titles in the Know-How Series, include: Survival Wisdom & Know-How (978-1-57912-753-4) Country Wisdom & Know-How (978-1-57912-239-5) Natural Healing Wisdom & Know-How (978-1-57912-800-5) Craft Wisdom & Know-How (978-1-57912-863-0) Garden Wisdom & Know-How (978-1-57912-837-1)

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The Taunton Press has been a leading publisher of books and magazines on woodworking, home building and design, fiber arts and sewing, crafts, gardening, and cooking for the last 30 years. Their magazines include Fine Woodworking, Fine Homebuilding, and Fine Gardening.

I think this book is one of the best published on working with wood, but it does have flaws. The pictures are not good. They were probably taken for publication on slick paper, like Fine Woodworking Magazine, and were not changed when they went to newsprint for this book. Newsprint requires a much lighter photograph with less contrast to print properly. In woodworking, photographs are important in understanding the process being described. "One picture is worth a thousand words" is no joke. Nonetheless, the pictures are not totally black. They are just hard to decipher in some cases. The size of the book is inconvenient, making it hard to read and hard to put on a bookshelf. Now for the good part. The information is nonpareil. I can't think of another book on woodworking where so much information both basic and advanced is compiled in one place. While a bit of the information may be questionable, after all it is a series of articles expressing each person's point of view on how to do something, the vast majority of the techniques and ideas presented are excellent. One article in particular is worth the price of the book. Fine Woodworking tested the strength of wood joints. They were all glued with Tightbond 3 and the testing procedure was first-rate. The half lap joint was the strongest tested, which surprised me. The complete list is remarkable. The half lap took over 1000 pounds of force to break the joint. Many other joints are tested and the results will improve your woodworking. Get the book. AD2

Please don't get me totally wrong here, as the content of the book is very worthwhile and beneficial to all. I would not classify this as a beginners book however. Biggest problem that I have about this book is the fact that I can't seem to do any reading of this item without becoming totally frustrated and "pissed" at the format, print quality, small print, too lightweight pages and too lightweight of binding and backing. Evidently the bookmaker was having problems also as they couldn't even cut the pages square with the binding material on the outside edges. What the hell is this crap shoot of poor judgement calls about anyways? If the publishers wanted to print a book in a newspaper format, why the hell aren't they informing the public of this crap before subjecting us to the turmoil of attempting to read this almost 500 page oversized beast?? The contents (if you survive your attempt to consume them) are sublime and partially worth the ordeal. You may have to limit the

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If you only get one book on woodworking, it should be this one. It covers a huge array of topics in an easy-to-read format, and I routinely return to this book for reference. It is not printed on the most durable of papers, though, so you have to keep it dry and protected from the elements...and stains, varnishes, oils, etc. All in all, I really dig this book.

I bought this for a friend, female who is into woodworking. She absolutely loves the book. It is very large and the pages are thin. Lots of information and tips in there.

Love this series of books and was very happy to see the reaction of the family wood worker when I gave this as a gift. I don't recommend this for anyone that has trouble reading small print. The book is a big, slightly floppy (because of paper quality) treasure trove of woodworking information. Written in a way that it is enjoyable to read and easy to understand.

For someone like myself, just getting back into woodworking after retiring and reestablishing a shop, this is an incredible resource for putting a shop together, for the usefulness and application of various tools, for ways in which to work with wood, and for a variety of woodworking projects and techniques. Yes, it's big and bulky, and the quality of the paper and ink leave something to be desired (for those of my generation think Whole Earth Catalog), but the 500 plus pages of content are a bargain for the price. Highly recommended.

Great book! Wish the pages were a little more durable though.

The paperback book is large format(13 5/8 x 10 1/2). It's layout is in progressive sections from tree to projects that you can build and everything in between. Pages 7 - 308 are from the wood(tree) to finishing. Pages 307 - 516 are projects for the beginner to the master craftsman. If you was to know what the best woods for the outdoor, its there. If you want to know how to setup a band saw, its there. How about using a spray gun, its there. Want to know how it make an inlay, its there. I liked the section on hand tools as my dad left me some of his old hand tools. He had two hand planes

and I thought I could use them but I did not know how to use them. The information in the book was good enough to me to determine that the planes were not in usable condition. The screws holding the frog on one are stripped and the other was welded back together at the throat. The information is timeless and appears to be articles written and published in the past issues of Fine Woodworking magazine all in one place.

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