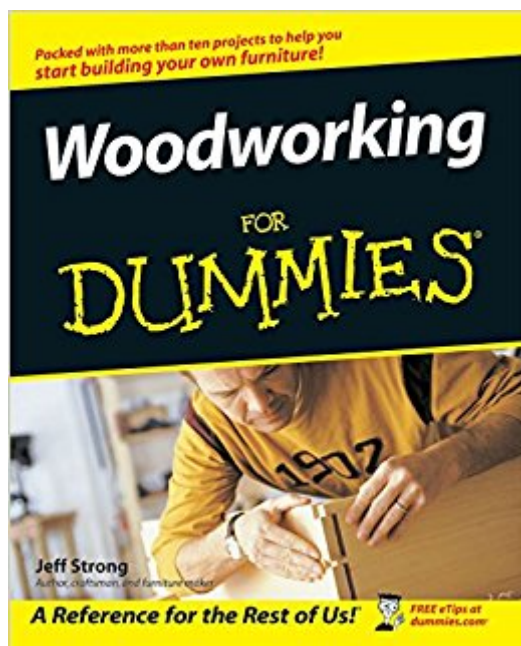


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# Woodworking For Dummies



## Synopsis

You've seen a few shows on TV, and working with wood looks like it could be quite entertaining and rewarding. After all, you get to create something that you can proudly display to your friends and family. But where and how do you begin to move from expressed interest to hands-on experience? *Woodworking For Dummies* shows you how your raw building materials stack up, with everything you need to know about hardwood, softwood, plywood, veneer wood, plain-sawn wood, rift-cut wood, quarter-sawn wood, solid wood, man-made wood, and more. This down-to-earth guide gives you the goods on how boards are made from trees and the characteristics of hardwood and softwood species, plus all the buzz on Gearing up with the right tools Putting safety first in your workshop Using adhesives and glue Working with wood joints Smoothing it out by sanding and filling Adding color with stains and paints Protecting your work with topcoats Whether you want to put together a simple plywood bookcase or an incredible solid oak dining table, *Woodworking For Dummies* can help you get organized as you craft your plans for a piece that'll reflect your personal touch. You'll discover how to Measure and mark your wood Distinguish among saw designs Choose and use sharpening tools Hone in on hot melt glue Speed things up with modern frame joints Get down to the nitty-gritty on nails Apply water-based polyurethanes This handy reference packs in essential information for the novice woodworker and some advanced tips and tricks to jumpstart any woodworker's existing skills. Includes detailed illustrations and how-to photos.

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"...this friendly guide gets you started in the basics...choose your step by step project and away you go..." (Prizes Galore, February 2004)

Features detailed illustrations and how-to photos Create beautiful furniture and decorative items the fun and easy way! Want to work with wood? This friendly guide gets you started in the basics, from selecting the right type of wood and the best hand and power tools to the nuts and bolts of joining, sanding, and finishing wood. You'll make a simple bookcase and move on to create tables and cabinets that will last a lifetime. Discover how to: Get the hang of your tools and outfit a workshop Choose the right wood cut for you Work with wood joints and edging Set up a workshop and store your tools Apply adhesives, stains, paints, oils, and varnishes Protect yourself from injury The Dummies Way Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational aids Tear-out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of humor and fun

I bought this for my husband who wants to get into woodworking. He has been pouring over his book for weeks and is learning a lot. It's been a great resource for learning everything for the very beginner.

I've only been woodworking for a few months and am still very much a novice. I bought this book hoping to learn some creative, but easy methods or time saving tips, but as my title implies, this book contains only the most basic of techniques. However, this book is very good for understanding basic terminology. This was my first "for dummies" book so maybe I was expecting too much. A few episodes of the New Yankee Workshop and/or a few hours of browsing the internet and you can learn the majority of what this book covers.

This entire line of books is genius. I love their similies and metaphors to help explain as well as the side stories. I havent finished this particular subject but everything Im learning as I slowly go threw it is good stuff. I probably would of given up on some wood projects if it weren't for this blessed book of simplicit explanations.

Great book to dip your toe before you invest several hundred or thousand dollars in tools and equipment. The author does a great job breaking down such things as growth rings, seasonal movement, wants vs. needs as far as tools and equipment and what it takes to get started in

woodworking as a hobby or potential source of income. A great and easy read that has come in handy time and again for reference as well as a recommended reading for others interested in this hobby.

Been reading this book so that we can build furniture for our house and it gives so much good information and insight that I have no doubt once we've finished buying all the equipment that we'll get off to a good start. Even though my husband has been building things for years, even he learned a thing or two about woodworking from this book.

If you are a complete newbie to woodworking, this would be a good read. I was out of the game for 20+ years, and just needed a refresher. It gave me enough detail to get going again. But then again, the online woodworking forums were far more helpful...

A great read for anyone wanting to start woodworking as a hobby, or the beginner looking to step up some. The author explains techniques and materials thoroughly and without confusion.

I bought this for my fiance and he is just starting to be interested in woodworking. He found this to be very helpful for a person new to the topic of wood and all it's details. It explains what the different tools are and how the work. It explained the different kinds of wood and what they are most useful for. It was a very useful beginner book for someone looking into woodworking from a novice point of view. I would recommend it and definatly give it as a gift.

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