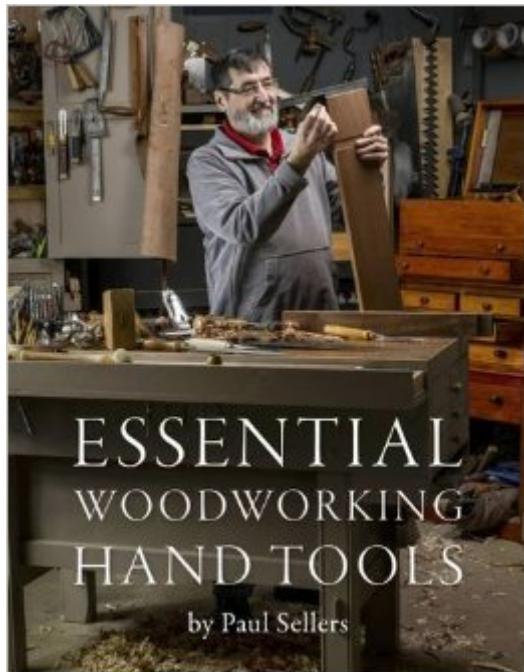


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# Essential Woodworking Hand Tools



## Synopsis

In this book Paul Sellers has put together the essential information about the tools that he considers to be essential to hand tool woodworking. He describes the tools in use, what to look for when picking them, how to sharpen them as well as tips and tricks for using them. Paul has been woodworking for over 50 years and his admiration and affection for these tools shines through in the pages of the book. The book does not cover building any projects which allows it to focus entirely on the tools. However, you cannot build great furniture without sharp, well-maintained tools. This is what this book covers so well.

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Iâ€™ll cut to the chase if you plan to be or already are a hand tool woodworker or even a machine woodworker who uses hand tools here and there buy this book by Paul Sellers. Period. *Essential Woodworking Hand Tools* OK, now the long story version. Mr. Sellers new book is the culmination of over fifty years of experience in the implementation and teaching of hand tool woodworking captured in the written word, with photos and, my personal favorite, hand drawings by Mr. Sellers. All of that information is brought together into an almost five hundred page tome that could and should become a woodworkers reference manual on the use and care of, well, the essential woodworking hand tools. Using his straight forward, down to earth approach, Mr. Sellers introduces each tool that he considers to be essential to the hand tool

woodworker. He then explains and illustrates their use and care. If a tool has a cutting edge, he explains and illustrates how to sharpen it. All of this information is enhanced with detailed color photographs and the aforementioned hand drawings. The information is so comprehensive that I believe this book could easily be used as a textbook on the subject of woodworking hand tools. The book is so comprehensive that I'm not even going to attempt to list what all is covered. Did I mention the book is almost five hundred pages long? What I will add is that the book is organized into clear, concise chapters as well as having an exhaustive index. This makes finding a specific tool or technique quick and easy. Did I mention the book is almost five hundred pages long? In addition to covering the conventionally produced hand tools, Mr. Sellers also provides alternatives to many of the tools. These shop-made alternatives can act to supplement and/or bridge the gaps in a person's current tool collection and can be quite helpful in mitigating up-front tool costs for those just getting started. So now I will simply refer you back to my opening statement: If you plan to be or already are a hand tool woodworker or even a machine woodworker who uses hand tools here and there, buy this book by Paul Sellers. Period.

This is an astounding book. It is not a projects book, however, so if that is what you want buy something else. What this book offers is a crystal clear description of almost all the hand tools that most woodworkers use regularly--what to look for in choosing a tool how to maintain it and how to use it most effectively. I did not purchase the DVD version as I had subscribed to the author's YouTube channel and watched 25 to 30 videos before buying the book. While I could be wrong, I made an assumption that the DVD contained most of the same content. Anyone who has not seen Paul Sellers' channel should seriously think about purchasing the DVD version.

This book has great information that is wonderfully written and easy to understand. The pictures are very well done - something I find a lot of similar books don't do right. This is a great book to pick up if you are wanting to learn more about hand tools and the traditional woodworking approach.

This is one of the best if not the best book about woodworking that I have ever read. This man instills passion and care about this craft, and he excels at putting his ideas and vast knowledge into easy to understand explanations. There are lots of great woodworkers but very few have that innate capacity to teach and inspire. I appreciate his honesty and humbleness, traits of a wise man.

Paul Sellers is one of the few carpenters who gives clearer instructions than Roy Underhill. In fact, I

prefer Mister Sellers to Mister Underhill. They are both great carpenters, but Paul Sellers does the finer work. Roy Underhill prides himself on being a "woodright," which I suppose has its place, but he does not make it clear that you need not spend tons of money on tooling to get started. Mister Seller does exactly that and, he shows how to sharpen any tool with best and clearest instructions I have ever seen. If Roy Underhill is a woodright, then Mister Sellers is a woodfitter.

Awesome book, thank you Mr. Sellers for producing it for all of us!

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