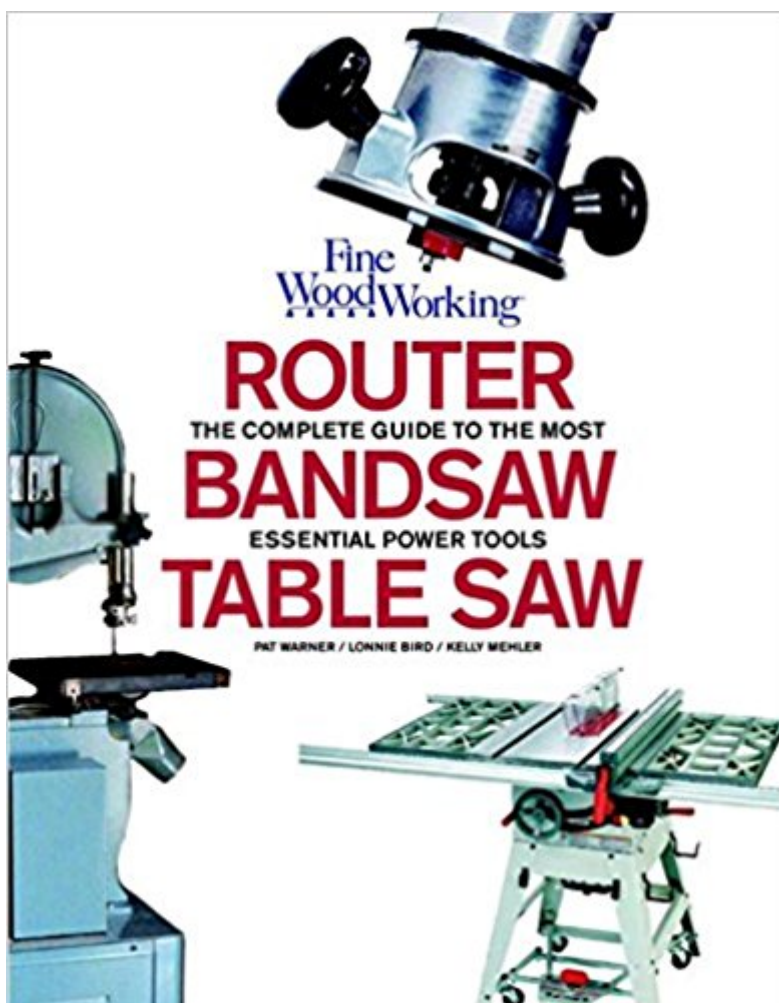


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# Table Saw, Band Saw And Router: Fine Woodworking's Complete Guide To The Most Essential Power Tools



## Synopsis

In this book, professional woodworkers give all the information tool owners wished came in the owner's manual plus much more - what to look for when buying a table saw, bandsaw, or router, and how to tune them up for optimal performance. The information is presented in an accessible, easy-to-understand way, making this a quick reference as well as a comprehensive handbook. All the information is up-to-date and thoroughly researched. The section on table saw, the cornerstone of any woodworking shop, is written by the recognized authority on the subject, and covers all basic operations including ripping, crosscutting and handling large stock. The section on bandsaw, a deceptively simple device, stresses the importance of tune-ups for optimum performance. The section on router covers bits, accessories, and a wide variety of routers, and surveys the router's many uses -- from edgework to cutting joinery. Excellent color photos and a clean, friendly layout give this book on classic woodworking tools a fresh modern look. This clearly illustrated and photographed volume will quickly become the standard reference and is a must-have title for any woodworker. Buy this book before you buy the tool.

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Kelly Mehler, of Berea, KY, has been building furniture professionally for more than 20 years. Considered the expert on the table saw, Mehler also gives workshops across the U.S. on table saw techniques. A frequent contributor to *Fine Woodworking*, the author has also appeared in the

popular Taunton video: Build a Shaker Table. Lonnie Bird, a professional woodworker specializing in period furniture, runs a woodworking school in Dandridge, Tennessee. Jeff Jewitt is a professional finisher and refinisher in Cleveland, Ohio and a contributing editor to "Fine Woodworking," Thomas Lie-Nielsen is the founder and owner of Lie-Nielsen Toolworks which manufactures high quality handtools. He lives in Warren, Maine. Andy Rae, from Asheville, North Carolina, is a professional woodworker who writes frequently for woodworking magazines and teaches woodworking. Gary Rogowski, a contributing to "Fine Woodworking," operates his own school, the Northwest Furniture Studio, in Portland Oregon. Pat Warner is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including Versatile Router.

For the cost of the book you end up with a lot of material. The thing about it is though, it feels more like it was a series of articles previously published now bound together rather than a book that was written with the intention of being read all the way through. With that in mind this is probably best chosen more so as a reference manual rather than an introductory text. There is enough information about turning the power tools that if you have no other source for such information this might be an affordable pick.

Simply too much to say about this book, it covers what should be said. I have been through several books (library, BAM) and simply had to buy this one for keeps. If your wise and seek wisdom this book has it, not only for you but even your kid it's left to when your gone.

Outstanding book for those who want to really understand these tools but have only a passing knowledge of them. Detailed but not over the top.

I would heartily recommend this book if it only covered one of the tools. All three, router (8 chapters, 125 pages), table saw (7 chapters, 134 pages), and band saw (6 chapters, 120 pages) contain the level of detail that makes this a must have for your woodworking library. You will get great utility from this book as tool selection, upgrades, accessories and maintenance are covered along with use and safety. The pages come alive with outstanding color pictures and diagrams. Interesting techniques and jigs are discussed and outlined. An example of the detail is the section on kickback. Not only is it discussed, but photos are shown of a foam board being used on the table saw as the camera catches what happens. This is a quality book and I thank the authors for sharing their expertise.

I loved the illustrations for operationing the power tools, but I also loved the pictures showing where to stand and other safety points.

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