

1. Woodworking Basics (Peter Korn), Amazon \$13 paperback, used \$1-7
  - a. Peter Korn's method helps new woodworkers learn the right techniques from the beginning.
  - b. This book emphasizes craftsmanship and the content is similar to the content of the Fundamentals of Woodworking class taught by the St Louis Woodworkers Guild.
  - c. This book provides a step-by-step introduction to all aspects of woodworking, including:
    - i. Safe use of woodworking machinery
    - ii. Correct use of hand tools
    - iii. Milling a board four-square
    - iv. Cutting a mortise-and-tenon joint
    - v. Cutting dovetails
  
2. The Essential Woodworker ( Robert Wearing), Amazon \$16
  - a. Excellent book for a beginning woodworker with little experience.
  - b. The author is British so some of the terminology is not American.
  - c. Part 1 is Basic Woodworking Skill
    - i. Sharpening skills are essential.
    - ii. Planing is worthwhile, but the emphasis of this book is hand skills and not enough on machines like table saw, jointer, and planer
    - iii. The concept of creating a "face" and an "edge" is excellent, but much easier to do with a jointer and planer than by hand. I have good planing skills, but do not use them much since I got a jointer.
    - iv. Sawing is best done with a table saw and a band saw. I have never cut a tenon with a hand saw.
  - d. Part 2 is making a Table
    - i. The general principles are something you need to know.
    - ii. Cutting mortice and tenons by hand is fun if you like hand tools. I make these joints with machines. This book shows cutting the mortise from 1/8" from one end to 1/8" from the other end of the mortise working from one end to the other. Other books (including ones by Ernest Scott) show working from the middle out (Scott says 1/8" to 3/16" from the end). I have always worked from the middle out.
    - iii. Lots of other good information.
  - e. Part 3 is making a Carcase
    - i. Good discussion of building a carcase. Many options discussed.
    - ii. Good discussion of building with dovetails, options for the cabinet back, and glue up procedures.
    - iii. Cabinet door alternatives discussed and several base designs reviewed.
  - f. Part 4 is making is making Drawers and Boxes
    - i. Emphasis is on dovetailed construction by hand.
    - ii. Variety of box constructions shown including splines and finger joints.
  
3. **A.** Working in Wood: An Introduction (Jack Hill & Ernest Scott), GUILD LIBRARY or Amazon used \$4-7 and **B.** Working in Wood (Ernest Scott), Amazon used \$5-7 or paperback new \$20 or **C.** Illustrated Encyclopedia of Working in Wood (Ernest Scott), Amazon used \$7
  - a. Many sections of these books are identical. Items B and C are identical other than the title and the dust jacket. The Scott versions have an interesting section on Classical Constructions.
  - b. All have a broad discussion of hand held tools (manual and powered); Scott also included stationary power tools such as table saws, etc.
  - c. All cover design, planning, joinery and methods of construction, working manufactured boards, carcase and frame construction, drawers, doors, tables. Hand tool methods and machining methods are included.
  - d. Scott includes wood bending, lathe work, carving, veneering, and marquetry.
  - e. All cover materials (wood), but Scott's coverage is broader.
  - f. The Hill version has a section on some simple projects.
  
4. The Complete Manual of Woodworking (A. Jackson, D. Day, S. Jennings) **Guild Library**
  - a. Design section is technical. A little to advanced for a beginner.
  - b. Hand tool section is too broad. Planes OK, sharpening is so so,
  - c. Power tools OK. Routers OK+, table saw-others are better.
  - d. Joinery-hand methods only.
  
5. Subject matter videos from Marc Adams. The complete set is in the Guild's library
6. The Complete Illustrated Woodworking Course (Guild Library)
  - a. Homeowner oriented.
  - b. Not Recommended