

Tools And How To Use Them: An Illustrated Encyclopedia



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Purchased after reading a review on Kevin Kelly's "Cool Tools" page. A big dated -- not much coverage of modern electric tools and none of electronic products -- but very good coverage of basic hand tools and common "tricks of the trade". The "Cool Tools" review forced up the price of used copies but there are still inexpensive copies to be found. Be nice to see a new edition of this or a modern equivalent.

I've been repairing and building things my whole life and thought I had a pretty decent grasp of the most common tools and how to use. I bought this book because I thought it would be a fun bathroom read. I've been pleasantly surprised by the amount of things I've learned. I've learned a better way to use some of the tools I own and understand the capability of tools I've never touched. Topics include rules, squares, plumb bobs and levels, dividers and calipers, scribes, punches, jigs and guides, benches and vises, clamps, sharpening tools, saws, chisels and gouges, planes, routers, spokeshaves, scrapers, knives, staple gun, hammers and mallets, modeling tools, pincers and pliers, auger and gimlet, braces and drills, lathe, screwdrivers, sanders and abrasives, lubricating equipment, battery testing equipment, rasps and files, snips and shears, wrenches, taps and dies, plumbing tools, welding tools, needles, brushes rollers and paint sprayer, ladders, building tools, axes and hatchets, adze hooks and scythe, digging tools, protective clothing. This isn't an in depth reference work. However, it is an enjoyable and enlightening book that many folks who take pride in repairing and building will enjoy.

Excellent

Wow-a great history book of tools and uses. I plan to use this for reading with my 4 year old son who loves tools!

A bit dated, but full of useful and interesting information. Perfect for when you're not sure what the thing you need is called, but you know that it exists. Get a copy if you can, while you still can.

Very basic. worth, the money if you know nothing about tools. good if you are getting your teenagers familiar with the tools that were in your garage or grandpa's workshop

Good buy.

Everyone should have a copy in their personal reference library. Packed with great information. Even the most tool savvy will find new info.

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