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Wayne Goddard's \$50 Knife Shop



Synopsis

Don't spend big bucks on your knife shop! If you've ever dreamed of making knives, Wayne Goddard will show you how to get started without investing a fortune in fancy gear. You'll learn all about selecting steel, forging, grinding, heat treating and finishing knives without the huge and expensive tools found in some shops. Goddard even teaches you to make wire Damascus blades with the simplest of tools. This book is a great companion to Godard's book, *The Wonder of Knifemaking*, and provides all the details needed to set up a backyard knife shop and start turning out great blades.

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Customer Reviews

Wayne Goddard's name would be instantly recognized by knife collectors as one of the premier voices in bladesmithing. A long-time contributor to *Blade* magazine, Goddard has compiled the best of decades of forging experience to start the beginning bladesmith off. Lots of masterful, practical advice, money-saving tips and knifemaking shortcuts, told in easy to understand language, refreshingly free of knife jargon that clutters so many other books on blademaking. There are plenty

of handy hints on sourcing for steel and handle materials, building a homemade forge and equipping a basic workshop. For people who have always had the yearning to hammer steel and coke coal, but didn't have the means to build a fully equipped shop, this book is for you.

I was hesitant on ordering this book, I've read or bought almost everything I can find relating to bladesmithing or blacksmithing. I got the book, and read it from front to back, then read it again. This book not only offers insight on how to make needed equipment, but also explains how to make knives of both stock removal, forging and wire damascus. I've never read a book on this subject where it felt like the author was talking directly to me, explaining things that I was thinking. This book is definitely one for the beginner smith.

I got this book last night and have read it cover to cover. Wayne gives great confidence to the beginner. Just the simple fact that you don't have to go broke to make knives is very fulfilling. Some great shop tips and good ways of looking at shop problems. Buy this book and David Boye's book, and you are well on your way.

I bought this because I'm thinking I may want to make a few knives in the future, and I wanted to see what could be done in a low-commitment way. The \$50.00 limit is a bit arbitrary, and perhaps outdated. It really depends on scrounging a motor and making your own grinder/sander. That sounds like more trouble than it is worth, to me. Other than that, I found the minimal equipment list a useful reference for any future excursions into this craft. The book has a lot of information about Damascus-style blades made from steel cable; although an interesting concept, I don't care for the look of the blades, so I found that information of less value than the rest of the book. The procedures for hardening and tempering, on the other hand, made me feel that this part of the process was actually accessible. Before reading this book, heat treating in general was an intimidating mystery. Now, it is just something that requires care and practice.

If you're a beginning knife maker this book is very good and covers a little bit of everything to do with knifemaking. I do not regret buying it. Even with all the info out there on the internet this book is still worth getting.

Even though he has not been able to buy an anvil yet, hubby has re-crafted several knives using the methods described in this book. It is only a few months old, but is already very worn and tattered.

When ever he gets quite (no metal grinding or scraping noises), I know he has sat back down with his book for more inspiration or a bit of clarification.

A good read for anyone considering making knives for themselves or for sale. I have made some of my own and have found the information very useful. You will enjoy using your own knife far more than one purchased at the sporting goods store.

book is excellent for a beginner who wants to get into knife making. For someone who already has blacksmithing experience, there isn't a lot of new material here, but for me, a book still worthy of my collection.

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