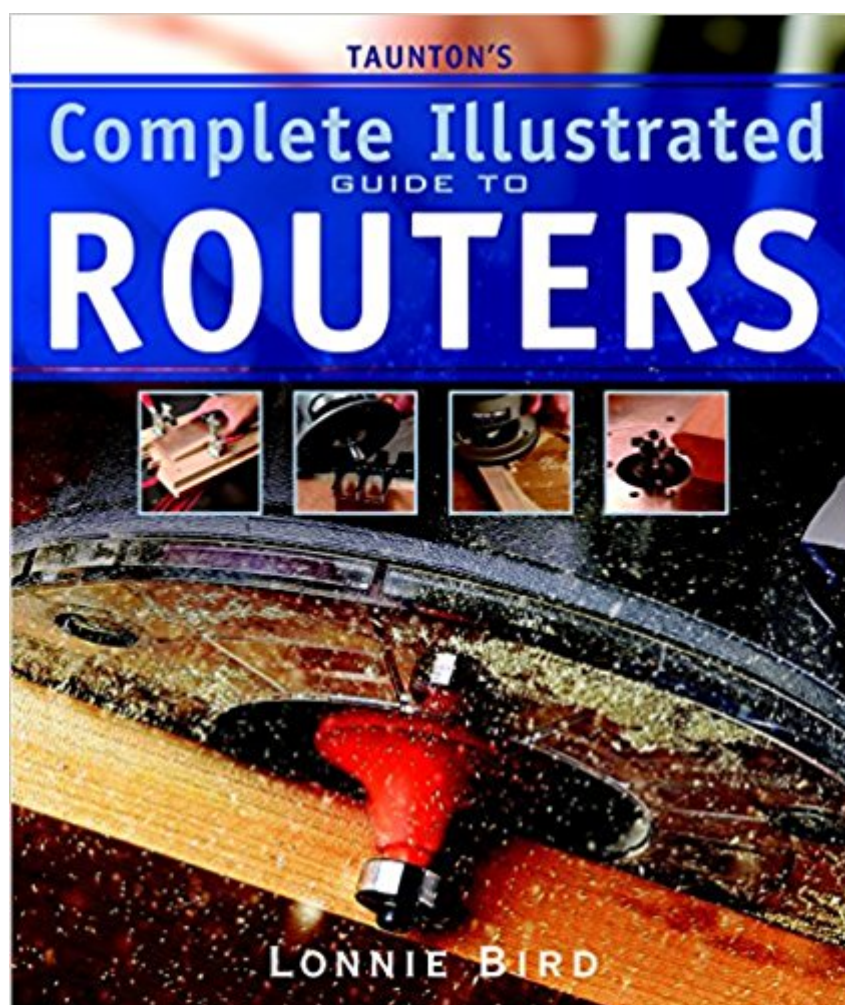


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Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide To Routers (Complete Illustrated Guides (Taunton))



Synopsis

The router, for its simple design, is one of the most versatile tools you can own. You can shape decorative profiles, cut grooves, flush-trim, raise panels, and cut almost any joint. In the Complete Illustrated Guide to Routers, you'll learn how to unleash this versatility by choosing the appropriate bit, and guiding the cut in the proper manner. You'll also learn that while a multitude of bits are available, a few essential bits will enable you to accomplish many of your routing tasks. More than 800 photo and drawings show you how to use and care for your router and how to get the most from it. In addition to mastering the use of your router, you'll also learn about router tables, and how to make one that works perfectly in your shop.

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Customer Reviews

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.

I consider myself a novice woodworker. I have built a few cabinets, can create a reasonable looking mortise joint, but wanted to improve my skill set a bit. I have used a router for a number of years, and wanted to learn some of the finer points of using it for more advanced woodworking projects.=== The Good Stuff ===* The photographs are first rate. They are well lit, and taken from an angle that you can see what is actually going on.* Somewhere in a set of instructions, I came across a direction to make a "climb cut". I had no idea what one was, and found a definition in this book. Turns out it is a cut made in the same direction as the router rotation (opposite of what you normally do).* The book is a marvelous guide for seeing what is possible with a router. Sometimes that is half the battle- if I know something is possible, I can often work out how to do it. Since woodworking is a hobby, designed to fill up leisure time, I don't mind experimenting.=== The Not-So-Good Stuff===* It is just about impossible to "read" this book. The text is made up of short sentences, with constant references to illustrations.* There is no way to learn how to specifically do anything from this book. For example, the section on mortise and tenon joints gives the following instructions (somewhat paraphrased, but not much). "Use a spiral bit. measure and mark the mortise location, then secure the work and jig with clamps. Set the depth. Position the router guide against the jig, and plunge the router and feed.." That's it. No details on what the jig might look like, how to set the depth, how to place the joint. If you can make a mortise joint from those instructions, you don't need a router book.===Conclusion===An excellent overview of router use, types of routers, and common accessories. Good photographs to show you what things look like and how they work. Impossible to actually find any step-by-step instructions in the book. For what I wanted, a different book would have better served my needs.

Great book, with a lot of nice pictures. This is a basic boo, for someone who is new to using routers, such as myself. The topics covered are not in depth, but more of an overview, that should prompt more detailed investigation and study. The book is printed on heavy paper, and the pictures and illustrations are done well. They are clear and show the idea being presented well. The binding precludes laying the book down flat on a table, and therefore it cannot be laid on a table to read it, without breaking the binding. I don't think that it is an issue, since this is not a reference book, and something to be read at your leisure, and not as a reference in the work shop. For someone who has just acquired their first router, or is contemplating buying one, this book may help you decide if you really need a router or not, and walk you through the preliminary steps on how to safely and effectively use your Router

This is a fairly basic informational guide as to how routers function and how to use them for the best results. As I am fairly new at routing I found it to be a great source for understanding the best use of my router and how to get great results from it. The book is very useful and a nice reference guide. Well worth the investment. Particularly if you new to routing.

product was as described, arrived on time. Would buy again and from same vendor.

Received the book and found it to be in excellent condition.

If you are new to routers, you need this book. I know it has been a good aid to me. If you intend to do fine woodworking your routers will be your friends or despised enemies. You therefore need to get it right. You must understand what the routers can do (which is amazing!) and how important it is to use them safely and wisely. As a former rookie woodworker transitioning through novice status and aspiring to be considered and intermediate I must say I have appreciated this book time and time again.

The book is very nicely illustrated, but the descriptions are disappointing and not useful. They are too advanced for the beginner with lots of undefined and unexplained terms on one hand, but too basic for the experienced woodworker.

Received this item in good condition. Thanks

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