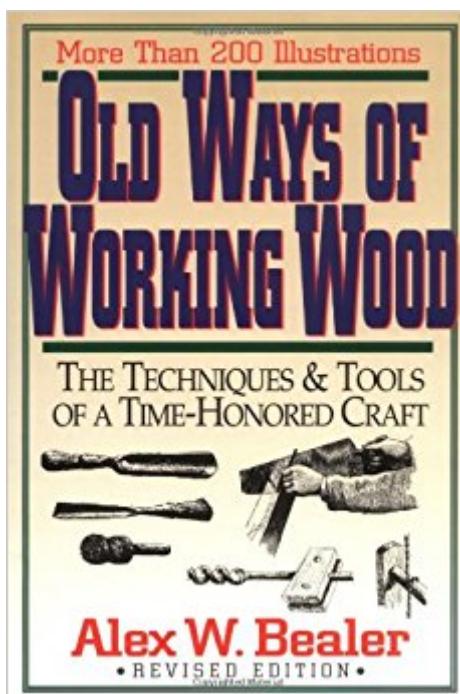


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# Old Ways Of Working Wood: The Techniques And Tools Of A Time Honored Craft



## Synopsis

A revised edition of a classic guide to woodworking methods that have been refined and developed over thousands of years. It teaches and preserves techniques and historical information that were lost when modern woodworking technology, dedicated to mass production, displaced the craftsman. Every woodworking operation—"chopping, splitting, using the workbench, sawing, hewing, boring, chiseling, shaping, planing, turning?" is described in detail. There is also information on the role of various tools in the evolution of wood products, the types and characteristics of wood, the preparation and maintenance of tools, collective tools of antique value, and instruction on the subtleties of the craft, from rabbeting to molding. The professional woodworker, the hobbyist, the collector, the antiques dealer, and the craft enthusiast will discover valuable information in this definitive work. It is reference, guide, and history all in one volume. This book contains over 200 line drawings by the author to illustrate age-old, yet fascinating, ways of working with wood. With chapters that describe the ways to fell a tree, methods for splitting wood, and more, along with a complete appendix and index, this is a great reference for anyone interested in the ways of wood working.

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## Customer Reviews

Alex W. Bealer was an advertising executive in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a collector of old tools, an expert on old crafts, and a skilled woodworker and blacksmith. He is the author of *The Art of Blacksmithing*, *Only the Names Remain*, *The Picture-Skin Story*, and *The Successful Craftsman*.

My Dad loved this book! It was a Christmas gift. He was sick at the time and is very interested in the way things were accomplished before the modern equipment that he uses. He loaned it to someone who would have never returned it, and I drove to the man's house to retrieve it. There are not many things that my Dad would sit and read other than his Bible and equipment manuals, but this was a perfect gift!

I consider this a companion to his landmark history book on blacksmithing. Have been making my own wood turning and carving tools for a little while and this book makes spoke shaves and other edged tools less mysterious to make and use. Paul Sellers U Tube videos are complemented by reading this book. Harry Rogers U tube videos on bodgering and green wood working are given depth and breadth by this book. A used copy should be in every hobby smith's and every prepper's reference library.

Honestly it's a hard topic to make exciting, but good information to know.

Most of what I have read is consistent with my training and experience. A few outliers noted.

great book

Great book with a lot of information. If you are thinking about being off grid, this would be a book to keep in your library. I have enjoyed reading this and have been inspired to start a few projects. Some of the reading is a bit dry, but all the information put together will put you well on your way to working wood for any type of a project!!

Bought this as a Christmas gift for my daughter who loves working with wood. She has been increasing in the complexity of the projects she has taken on. This book has given her lots of useful little secrets to making quality products that last for generations. Great book! Great gift for those that love woodworking, building. Would definitely recommend and buy again.

My husband and I both love working with old wood--antiques, especially--and this book was a perfect gift for him. He loves making something old and forgotten into something beautiful and useful again--and this book has endless information, is presented in an interesting way, and I think

would appeal to anyone who loves working with wood in any form.

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