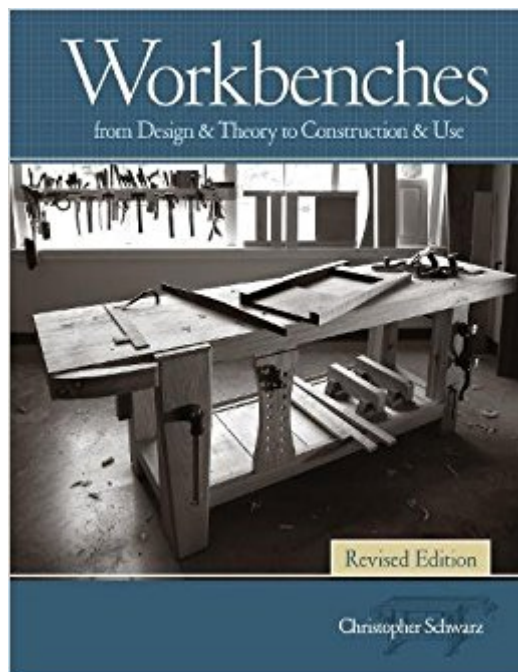




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Two centuries of workbench wisdom in one book! With this book, your very first workbench will do everything you need it to do--possibly for the rest of your woodworking career! Encompassing years of historical research and real-world trials, Christopher Schwarz boils down centuries of the history and engineering of workbenches into basic ideas that all woodworkers can use. Learn how to design your own world-class workbench. Learn the fundamental rules of good workbench design that have been largely forgotten. Learn how to build an inexpensive and practical bench that hasn't been in widespread use for over 100 years. Learn how to properly use any workbench. In this revised and updated edition you'll find plans for five benches--two sturdy English benches and two variations on the French Roubo, as well as a portable bench you can clamp to any solid surface. The old-school benches in this book are simpler than modern benches, easier to build and perfect for both power and hand tools. Beginning woodworkers can build any of these benches. The technical drawings are clear and show every detail. Using the step-by-step instructions, you will be amazed at how easily these workbenches can be constructed.

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Customer Reviews

Chris is the former editor (and now a contributing editor) of Popular Woodworking magazine. He has produced how-to videos for Popular Woodworking, Lie Nielsen tools and teaches woodworking around the world.

I whole heartily agree with the previous review. The book is well written and very informative, but the type set is entirely too small. I wear glasses and still had a difficult time reading.

good read. very informative. at 67, type needs to be bigger. hard to see it. that's why 4 stars.

AHHHHH

There is only one thing I have to complain about with regard to Christopher Schwarz's latest book on building workbenches. Oddly, it is not mentioned in the "Product Details" description of the book. It is the reason I give it 4 and not 5 stars. I was tempted to be even more stingy but the book is otherwise so good I could not do so in good conscience. Once again, like previous publications from Mr. Schwarz, the book suffers from its use of strictly black and white photos and images of all aspects of workbench construction. These give the book a depressing overall look which takes away far too much from its appearance. Whatever cost this saves is simply not worth it. It is a shame that such an excellent volume should have to cheapen itself by not joining the publishing world and providing color images. Color is not an excess; it is normal and has been for a long time. The movie "The Adventures of Robin Hood", released I believe in 1939, used color. Why, nearly a century later, do we have to look at photos made with or printed in monotone (which is clearly related to "monotonous")? All the other books I see from this publisher are in color. Please make the next edition of this fine book three times more enjoyable by using color images; I will happily pay the increased price for something enjoyable to look at as well as to read.

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