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Wayne Goddard's \$50 Knife Shop, Revised



Synopsis

Don't spend big bucks on your knife shop! You don't need to spend a fortune to start making fantastic knives. Noted knifemaker Wayne Goddard provides outstanding step-by-step instructions for making your own tools, finding the right steel and forging, grinding and heat-treating knives on a budget. Wonderfully illustrated with full-color photography, Goddard's book guides you through the knifemaking process from start to finish and even includes a budget breakdown showing everything you need is available to bargain prices. Goddard even explains and demonstrates the making of wire Damascus blades with the simplest of tools. Wayne Goddard's *#36;50 Knife Shop* is a find companion volume to Goddard's book *The Wonder of Knifemaking* and provides all the details you need to start making knives on a budget.

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Customer Reviews

I brought this book a few years ago and it's basically a overview of knifemaking. If you are looking for a book that offers step by step on how to go about making a knife..this isn't the one.After my knowledge of knifemaking has increased, I went back over this book and downgraded it to 2 starsWhat it does offer is the differences between forging and stock removal, the materials needed for each, some information regarding damascus and Kriss blades, finishing techniques, a section on building homemade grinders, heat treating information, how to build a one brick forge (doesn't work that well but does work for small blades), some tips on grinding the bevels, etc.My complaints about this book is that Wayne presents some false information. He suggests that narrow tangs are

stronger than full tangs. This is simply false as a full tang blade is supported by a full width of steel going all the way across the handle and when properly constructed..the actual handle isn't weak either as it should be held on with mechanical AND chemical methods. Hammering knives through a 2x4 is an inaccurate test as well and he specifically said he would never do that to a full tang knife. Well that means he's never actually compared the two on that test then. He also suggests that hand-rubbed finishes are highly quality than mirror finish, which just makes no logical sense as a mirror finish requires *far* more effort. Even I can do a decent hand rubbed finish on my blades.EDIT: My review has been revised and I reduced this book down in rating due to the inaccuracies mentioned above in addition to the grinding section being focused on belt sanders despite it being targeted to those on a limited budget.

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