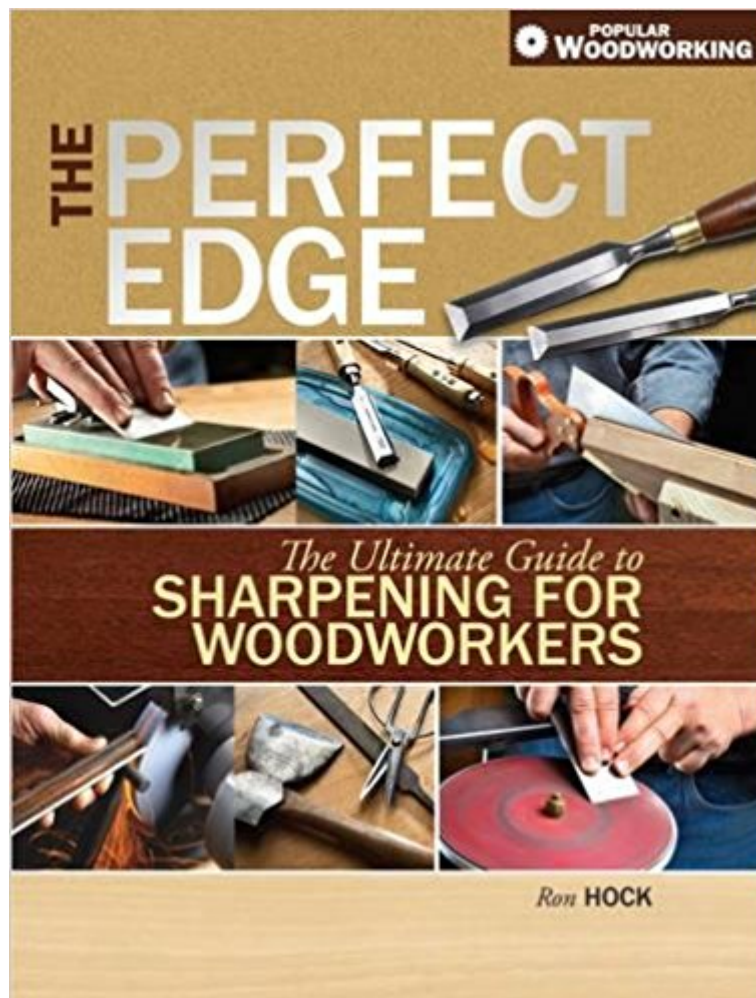




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# The Perfect Edge: The Ultimate Guide To Sharpening For Woodworkers



## Synopsis

Sharp tools work better! If you've never experienced the pleasure of using a really sharp tool, you're missing one of the real pleasures of woodworking. In *The Perfect Edge*, the mystery of the elusive sharp edge is solved by the long-time sharpening expert and tool maker Ron Hock. You'll soon find how easy and safe hand tools are to use. This book covers all the different sharpening methods so you can either improve your sharpening techniques using your existing set-up, or determine which one will best suit your needs and budget. Ron shows you the tricks and offers expert advice to sharpen all your woodworking tools, plus a few around-the-house tools that also deserve a perfect edge.

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## Customer Reviews

Ron Hock is the owner of Hock Tools, a twenty-five-year-old cottage industry that makes acknowledged superior blades for planes and other woodworking tools. Hock started the business when, as a struggling knifemaker, students at James Krenov's Fine Woodworking program at The College of the Redwoods in Fort Bragg, California, came to him for plane irons for the wooden planes they were making at the school. He tooled up for plane irons, learned about plane-making and found a niche-market of discerning woodworkers who appreciate a superior tool. In the ensuing quarter-century since making his first plane blades he's learned about tool steel metallurgy, cutting edge geometry, hand woodworking tools and sharpening.

Every aspect about woodworking tools that cut, starting with how the different steels are made and treated; to how to form the proper angles and hone the finest edge. Ron Hock shares his knowledge in a very easy to follow style. He will tell you how the fanatics do it and then share his thoughts about what is enough to get to excellent results without going over board. This is a very helpful book if you are like me and are just getting into using woodworking tools.

The sharpening of hand tools is the key to eventually developing competence and mastery of hand tool woodworking. It is the first set of skills that must be mastered to begin development as a good woodworker. Good work, even the simplest, cannot be done with dull tools, and they all must be well-sharpened even to compare them and select better and best from what is available for your individual task and style. This book is well-written and illustrated by one of the masters of hand tool steel blades, production and sharpening. Mr. Hock was one of the first producers of best quality steel blades, in quantity and at a reasonable price, for many hand tools widely available to the public for general use, and also one of the first to make available the information needed for the sharpening and maintenance of these blades for practical use. There are several good books out there on preparation and sharpening of hand tool blades, and all have their value, but if you are going to have only one book on hand tool blade steel and sharpening, I would recommend this one. If you already have others, I would still recommend buying this one in addition because of the valuable perspective it offers. This is the real thing, no BS, and the price is reasonable.

This is a great book about sharpening. It covers virtually all edge tools, has comprehensive information about materials and methods for manual and power sharpening and shaping of tool edges and even includes information about different steel alloys, hardening and tempering.

Great Reference for anyone who wants to know all about sharpening .Ron Hock does a excellent job of covering the full spectrum of the skill of sharpening woodworking tools. Recommend this for those who want a in depth study. You will come away with a understanding of what it takes to achieve a sharp edge!

Good book on sharpening. If that's what you're looking for, this is the book.

Ron Hock, who makes outstanding blades, had also written an outstanding book. I've used his blades - both in a plane and also in a spokeshave, and i've never seen any better. By the same

token, his book is a crash course in understanding the fundamentals and aspects of a good edge. Read it, and you'll move past a heap of mythology and BS about blades and sharpening.

A very wise book, with the information expressed in a very clear & accessible way.

This is a very detailed book about the various steel that you might sharpen the tools used to sharpen, both manual and powered. The sharpening techniques are explained clearly. Everything you need except for a little experience. Start on small chisels to get the feel before jumping in on expensive blades. Ron notes this in the book.

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