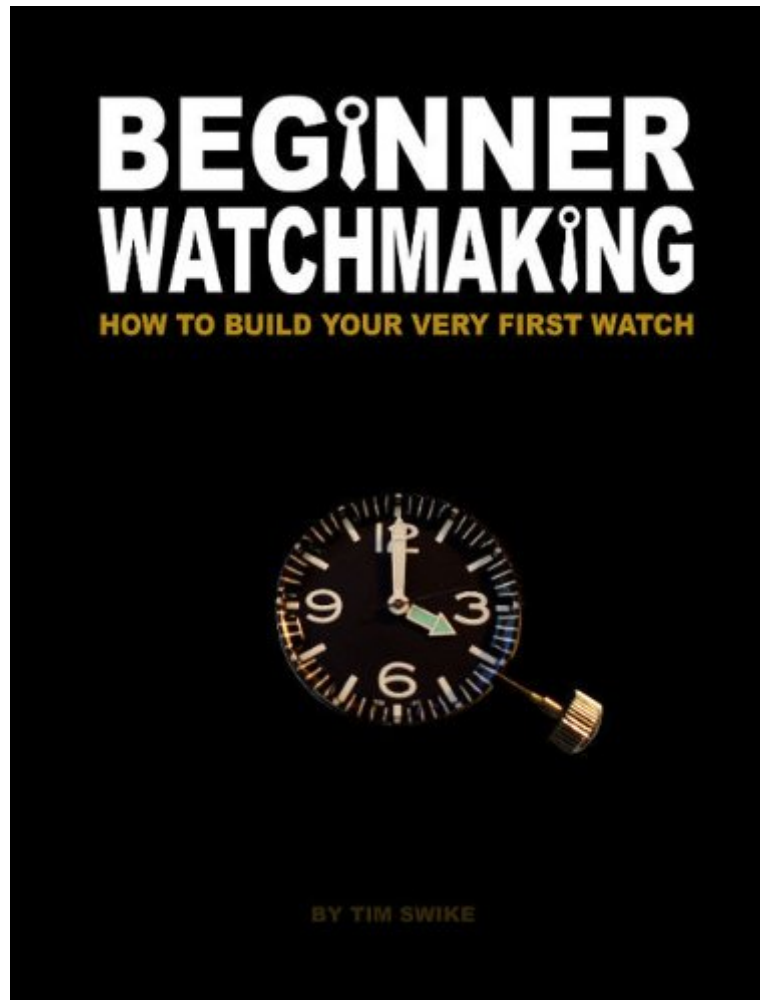




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# Beginner Watchmaking: How To Build Your Very First Watch



## Synopsis

This book will introduce you to the fascinating world of watch making. It is designed for the average person with zero knowledge of watch mechanics, building, or repair. This book will teach you some of the basics on how a watch works. It will also show you where to buy the right watch parts, how to assemble them, and how to regulate the time. Don't buy another \$1000 watch when you can build a similar one for \$100. This book also comes with a full color PDF file ebook for your computer or smart phone.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book for somebody interested in exploring what's involved in watchmaking. The author does a great job of providing a basic description of the functioning of a watch, with explanations and simplified diagrams of every part. The section on tools is extremely useful, as it provides not only a suggested set of tools to start with, but guideline prices and some suggestions on where to look for them. And of course the meat of the book is the description of a few basic

projects in watchmaking, with examples of several modifications - these are step by step guided exercises, with photographs of every phase. As a bonus the book provides a reference to the related website, where some additional material is available for download including some further examples.

As a beginner myself in dealing with watch repair I found this book to be quite helpful. Although, this book doesn't cover great detail in servicing mechanical watches it give reasonable information on general how-to obtain parts and tools to go about fixing or building the both electronic and mechanical watches. For me it is a good stater book for any beginner or hobbyist. The book is written in easy to follow and read format too.

All the information in the bock it's very useful but the images are extremely blurry , it is very hard to see something there. I will return it back.

Having finished reading this book cover to cover, i believe it is a great beginners book. It didn't take that long to read, honestly, but this book is quite simply designed to guide you thru the safe disassembly and safe reassembly of most watches. Its main purpose is to guide you thru a build. Tim went thru the pitfalls of customising and came out the other end with a extremely well illustrated book. I learn more from pictures than from theories, so i give this book 5 stars. I am a mechanic by trade and was impressed by the amount of warnings and helpful tips included with each picture. At the end of it all i felt competent of applying the instructions given to any of my watches, with a view to customising them. Well done to Tim Swike. Buy this book before you ever open a watch caseback, you will not regret it.

At first I thought this book was a little rough-and-ready. However, after having done the first couple of Timezone courses, I've come back to it and find it has a lot of very practical tips. For theory of watch operation and working on movements you'll probably want some other texts but when it comes to actually getting your hands dirty this is quite a useful bench manual. Other books don't spend much time on casing but, as I've discovered, it can be damned difficult and that's where this book helps out.

I was expecting more detail about how watches actually work but this book focused mostly on watch components. It's not that I was intending to become a horologist from one book but just wanted to be more educated in my watch buying. I think I learned more about watches generally but not as

much about the intricacies as I had hoped. That said if you are looking to build a basic watch this is probably a good place to start.

A great book that explains the basic parts of a watch. I am very interested in watches and definitely got more excited and wanted to try to build my own watch or at least customize one after reading this book. Why I don't give it a 5 is because there are only a few websites referred to, where you can buy parts from and those weren't very easy to navigate. I don't know if there aren't any better or if the author just don't know about better ones / got a deal with those websites. Anyway, if you want to learn the basics about watches, I think it was worth every penny, I read it from cover to cover.

Not only is this an excellent book for beginners and the simply curious, it is a great introduction to this hobby/craft. Tim Swike starts out by laying a little groundwork first, a little historical perspective - all very short: that takes up all of 1 1/2 pages. Then he explains the parts of a watch and how they work together. Again, this is all kept to the barebones. In all this he explains enough so that one knows what's going on, without going into a lot of tedious details - the reader can always go to other resources if curiosity gets the better of them. Then he jumps into how to get into a watch, how to remove the movement (the 'guts' or inner working mechanism), how to remove the crystal (the "window" through which you see the face of the watch), the hands, the dial or face, and how to replace all of them with different components. He also goes into how to use these methods to either upgrade an existing watch, or how to put one together from scratch. All throughout he gives ample references to either other sources of information, or where to find tools and supplies on the internet. And all with ample photos and drawings to make things clear, step by step. And his online version of the book is even better - there all the pictures are in color. All in all a very thorough, yet simple and quick read. I'm already working on my first watch, because this book helped me to see that it really is a lot simpler than I would have imagined. If anyone is even mildly interested in this subject, I would highly recommend their taking up and reading this book!

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