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Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide To Jigs & Fixtures (Complete Illustrated Guides (Taunton))



Synopsis

Finding an effective jig or fixture for a woodworking operation can be as elusive and time-consuming as designing a great piece of furniture, a sailboat, or a ukulele. It takes solid woodworking knowledge and some problem-solving skills, with a good dose of inspiration thrown in. Even a moderately complex setup can pose numerous choices: What tool or machine is best for the operation? Should the jig move the wood over the machine or guide the machine past the wood? How does the workpiece need to be referenced and clamped? Should the jig be adjustable? Most of the woodworkers I've met delight in solving challenging jigging problems. But tackling these problems requires a basic understanding of jig function and design. This book will teach you how to make these time saving devices and help improve everything you build in your shop.

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Customer Reviews

Sandor Nagyszalanczy of Bonny Doon, California is a professional furniture designer and freelance writer, photographer and consultant. With nearly 25 years of experience building custom furniture, he is a former senior editor of Fine Woodworking magazine and has appeared on The History Channel's "Modern Marvels" and ABC Television's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings." Sandor has authored and photographed nine books published by the Taunton Press, including: Woodshop Jigs and Fixtures, Fixing and Avoiding Woodworking Mistakes, Woodshop Dust Control,

The Wood Sanding Book, The Art of Fine Tools, Setting Up Shop and Power Tools: An Electric Celebration and Grounded Guide, The Homeowner's Ultimate Tool Guide, and Tools Rare and Ingenious.

This book covers a lot of jigs. What it doesn't do is supply enough detail on how to make them. Each jig is supplied with a few photos and a pretty high-level description of how to make it. Very low on details, and I'd have appreciated more photos - especially of in-progress builds of each.

Sandor Nagyszalanczy has just added another excellent book to his growing and versatile collection of woodworking guides. The organization of his Jigs and Fixtures book is first rate, logical and easy to follow. It starts out with a short section on how to use the book and then follows with sections organized in a very useable way. Safety notes are interspersed throughout and are appropriate for novice and professional woodworkers alike. I have several other jigs and fixtures books which are generally boring to read and used only to look up a specific jig. However, this is not true for Mr. Nagyszalanczy's most readable and informative works which I enjoy cover to cover. I have another of his books on built-ins which is also great, and have preordered his new shop organization book. He is a frequent visitor on DIY Network's "Tools and Techniques" hosted by Popular Woodworking's David Thiel. He is as enjoyable to watch and listen to as his books are to read. I rate this book at 5 stars and my only minor critique is that the many color photos, while excellent and instructional, tend to be a bit smaller than my 64 year old eyes like to see, but that's not a big deal. As an aside, most Taunton Press woodworking guides, of which I have many, are typically of very high quality. I look forward to more guides from this extremely knowledgeable and entertaining professional woodworker. M.W. O'Brien, Valley Head, Alabama

This is a great book, more for reference and ideas, I'm not a beginner with this stuff, but every once in a while this book (and all of Taunton's books I've purchased) gives you little AHA! Moments.

Product received on time and as described. Taunton does it so well.

Good book for jig ideas, but I was hoping for some more detailed plans than what is written in the book. Something as simple as a cross cut sled is not described in great detail.

Very comprehensive. Awesome!!

A really good reference book.

awesome woodworking book full of useful shop aids, jigs and ideas.

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