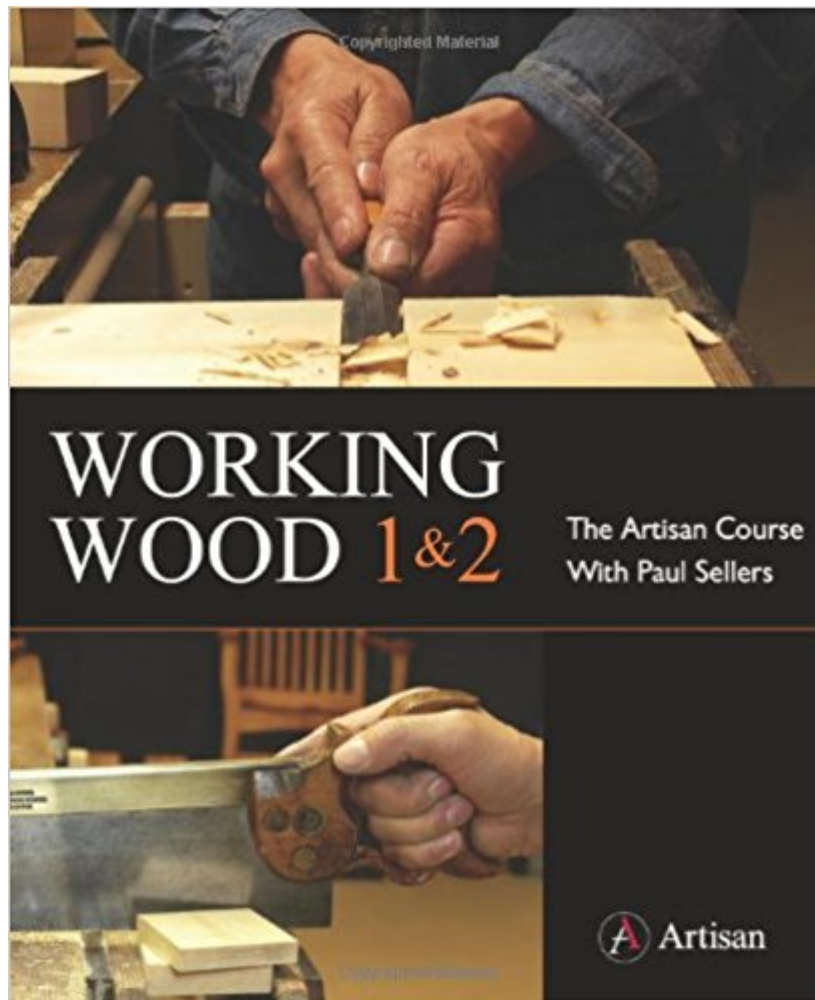




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# Working Wood 1 & 2: The Artisan Course With Paul Sellers



## Synopsis

This book is the core part of a course that represents the distilled experience and knowledge, developed over 47 years, of Woodworker and Master Craftsman, Paul Sellers. His remarkable journey saw him learn his trade as a traditional apprentice in England during in the 1960s, and then progress, many years later, to design and make furniture for American Presidents. Evident throughout this beautifully crafted book is Paul's love of woodworking and also of teaching. It is a source of inspiration as well as a complete woodworking system and philosophy. The clarity of Paul's teaching is quite exceptional. Founded on twenty years experience during which he has taught over 3,000 woodworkers, the book progressively introduces new skills and techniques through projects, and then reinforces and expands on these as the reader progresses further. With over 800 color photos, diagrams and illustrations, every stage and technique is clearly explained and discussed. *Working Wood* is a comprehensive course in hand tool woodworking. It is perfect for beginners just starting out and is also a valuable resource for the more advanced woodworker, helping them to further develop their hand tool skills and woodworking knowledge. The first part of the book will enable you to discover the simple concepts that surround the use of traditional hand tools and master aspects of woodworking in general. It introduces the mantra of "sharpness, accuracy, technique" By using only three joints and about ten hand tools, you will be introduced to the speed and efficiency of hand cut joinery. Â The second part is all about mastering the core techniques of joinery through a series of hand built projects. Focusing on each of the three joints in turn, you will learn to master dovetailed boxes, bookcase making and the principles of table making. By using a combination of these joints, you will learn how to make your own European Workbench. Central to this entire course is a very thorough and comprehensive explanation of how to sharpen your tools, simply and quickly. Â Most importantly this book will teach you, with just a few basic hand tools, how to make hundreds of projects with the skill and confidence of a real Artisan. Note. The DVD collection that accompanies this book is also available on under Film & TV. This consists of 7 full length films and is available as: A full set of 7 DVDs and book7 DVDsIndividual DVDs

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"It's a remarkable package of information that is more than just a feast for the senses; it's a clarion call to everyone who has ever wanted to work wood but who didn't know where to start." - Mike Lawrence. Editor. The Woodworker Magazine "Working Wood represents the very best of what a Master Woodworker can offer. It will provide years of joy and a real connection to our human history, present and future." - Craig Milroy, Senior Lecturer in Design and Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University

This course has been developed over many years and represents the distilled experience and knowledge of the Master Craftsman, Paul Sellers. His purpose is to ensure that the fundamental concepts, techniques and skills of hand tool woodcraft are preserved for generations to come. Learning through the combined media (videos and books), offers a simplicity and clarity, which will enable enthusiasts of any skill level to quickly establish the principles and practice of quality workmanship. The first part of this book, Artisan Level 1, will enable you to discover the simple concepts that surround the use of traditional hand tools and master aspects of woodworking in general. The projects and exercises will provide you with a solid foundation in, layout shaping and joint making. You will be using methods and techniques passed down through generations of woodworking tradition to shape spatulas, spoons, cutting boards and stools. By using only three joints and about ten hand tools, you will be introduced to the speed and efficiency of hand cut joinery. Artisan Level 2 is all about mastering the core techniques of joinery through a series of hand built projects. Focusing on each of the three joints in turn, you will learn to master dovetailed boxes, bookcase making and the principles of table making. By using a combination of these joints, you will learn how to make your own European Workbench. Central to this entire course is a very thorough and comprehensive explanation of how to sharpen your tools, simply and quickly. Most importantly, this course will teach you how, with just a few groups of basic hand tools, you will be able to make

hundreds of projects, and acquire the skill and confidence of a real Artisan.

I have been a Huge fan a Paul for a long time now. I have wanted to pick up a copy of this book after watching his YouTube videos and finally ordered it. This was exactly what I was expecting! Great details! You can almost feel Paul's love for woodworking in his writing and it makes you want to pick up your tools and get started just reading the introduction. The simplicity of his tool list and the amazing work that can be accomplished with a little sweat equity and patience is astounding. If you are looking for REAL down-to-earth information without bias towards brand, tool, or equipment and want to get into the true art and love of woodworking get this book and check out Paul on YouTube. Follow his instructions and you will be creating wonderful works of art yourself.

Paul sellers is awesome! I love the course and the videos on you tube clear up what is in print. I found some of the writing on positional orientation and technique had my mind wandering in regards to the true written intent. The videos clear up any ambiguities. This truly is a great way to learn hand tool wood craft core basics distilled to their essence by a pro with an omniscient viewpoint on the subject matter. Paul likes to be efficient and likes to save money. He is also a subscriber to the k.i.s.s.philosophy. you can do no better than Paul's book if you plan on learning hand tool wood craft for a trade or as a means of being a productive member of today's societal leisure class. Bravo!

What can be said of Paul Sellers and his body of work that hasn't already been stated. He is a true, old school craftsman who has the ability to mentor through his written works and videos. This is a great book that may seem a bit simplistic at first, but is put together in a detailed manner that leaves no room for guesswork on the part of the reader. The only issue I have is the title. When someone asks me what I'm reading, I have to explain that it's about making things out of wood before I show them the cover with its blazing title, "Working Wood."

I have been involved in hand tool woodworking about 35 years; more during the last five years since retirement. Over the years I have purchased about every book written on this subject. This is my most resent purchase. It is also the best I have seen. If you are just starting out with hand tools, buy this book. If you have been using hand tools for years, buy this book. You will unlearn some old bad habits and learn a bunch of new better ways of doing things. If I had purchased it when it first came out my wood working ability would be more advanced I would probably have more to show for my money.I have gained so much from watching Paul on You Tube. I started to feel guilty learning so

much for free so I bought this book. I have his new book on my Christmas wish list, Hope Santa doesn't let me down. Paul is truly a master woodworker and much more. He is truly an Artisan, In my humble opinion we can all learn a great deal from him.

Sellers has a great insight and desire to teach woodworking from the ground up [if you'll permit that statement]. He is a hand tool artisan, not a hand tool fanatic. He explains the basic tool complement and how to use the tools to create simple projects to learn concepts. A good read whether you are a beginner or more experienced with hand or power tools. Recommended reading for everyone.

If you have ever thought of getting in to hand tool woodworking, I highly recommend this book. Beginning projects assume you have 0 woodworking experience. Each project teaches a skill that is built upon with each project until you are eventually making wooden furniture with hand tools.

I am a beginner woodworker and I can't say enough good things about this book. My full review is on [youtube.com/c/SighthoundStudioTVA](https://www.youtube.com/c/SighthoundStudioTVA) beginner woodworker is greeted by power tools as they start their journey into woodworking. It starts in shop-class in their schools and it is all over the internet. Power tools are deemed efficient and fast, hand tools are deemed dull and unusable. In reality, hand tools produce better results in the hands of an experienced woodworker. Hand tools do not require the large initial investment of money and space that power tools require. Paul Sellers' book is a fantastic resource in understanding how to use basic inexpensive hand tools, sharpen them, set them correctly, and start doing projects. His book describes three beautiful projects (a shaker end table, a wall shelf, and a dovetail candle box). He then goes into building a workbench out of 2x4s with mortise-tenon joinery. The top is made of laminated 2x4s and is very sturdy (I am making one). Finally, he goes into sharpening tools...chisels, hand planes, and even saws. The daunting and somewhat mystic world of hand tools woodworking is completely demystified in this book. All my questions were answered. After reading this book (and watching Paul's videos on youtube), I felt confident in tackling my woodworking projects. I highly recommend this book.

Great presentation of basic skills and technique, however it is more suited for the coffee table than the workshop. Probably the most visual and dynamic presentation of these skills out there. I understand Mr. Sellers was disappointed in it. Probably a generational thing. I'll continue though to obtain whatever Mr. Sellers puts out, as I feel he is the best woodworking crafts person out there. I'm so glad he is so sharing of his knowledge.

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