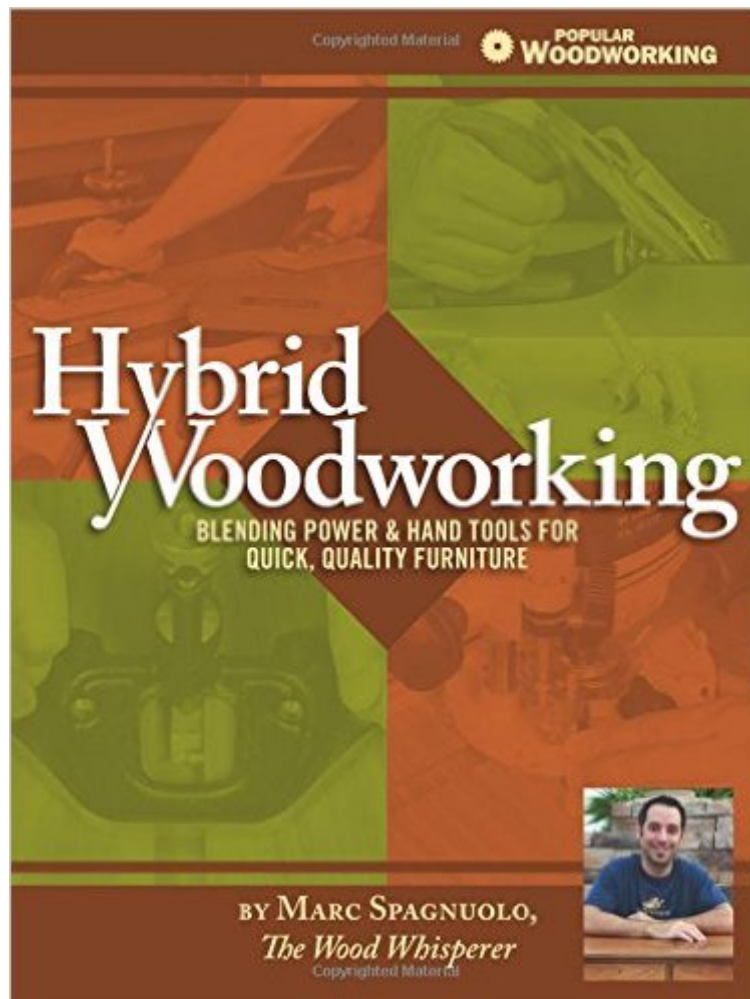


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# Hybrid Woodworking: Blending Power & Hand Tools For Quick, Quality Furniture (Popular Woodworking)



## Synopsis

A faster route to handcrafted results! In the last few years, there's been a push to return to the roots of woodworking when every step was done with hand tools--from resawing lumber and planing it flat, to cutting joints and creating profiles. Working this way can produce beautiful results, but is it the best method for woodworking in the 21st century? In *Hybrid Woodworking*, author and Internet woodworking star Marc Spagnuolo offers a more efficient approach that combines the strength of power-tool and hand-tool techniques. The end result: You save time and effort while producing furniture that still has that stunning handmade look. The Hybrid System Hybrid Woodworking will show you which machines and power tools are best for the grunt work of furniture making. It will explain which hand tools are essential for fine-tuning. And best of all, it will demonstrate techniques for working flawlessly and efficiently with every machine and tool in your shop. Making beautiful furniture can be immensely gratifying. By adopting the hybrid woodworking system you can get to that satisfying end result with less effort while enjoying every step along the way.

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## Customer Reviews

I initially figured this book would be largely a rehash of what Marc's gone over in the various guild projects, but I bought it because I support his efforts and figured it would be a good reference. I was wrong - it was incredibly useful and packed much more information than what I've seen in the guild

videos. The photos are very high quality and really reinforce the text (some techniques are very hard to describe in print, but seeing the pictures made them crystal clear). The writing is Marc's usual conversational style that is a pleasure to read. Whether you're a beginner or expert woodworker, you'll definitely get something out of this book - it even contains overviews of a few of the guild projects and how Marc incorporated the techniques described in the book. This is well worth your money. And if you've never heard of Marc before, be sure to head over to [...] to check him out. Watch a few of the free videos. If the quality over there doesn't convince you to buy this book, nothing will.

Marc is a gifted woodworker and just as important, a gifted communicator. Woodworkers of all levels will find nuggets of wisdom and money saving suggestions in Marc's new book. If you are just starting to become a Hybrid Woodworker, employing a sensible mix of power and hand tools, Marc will pique your thinking on to how best to spend your budget. He could save you THOUSANDS of dollars by having you think through the purchases in the perspective of the Hybrid Woodworker. Having been an active woodworker for 20 years more than Marc has been alive, I can say he still manages to get me thinking out of the box and approaching my woodworking from a new perspective. Woodworking is a hobby, advocacy, and vocation that has new surprises daily since our medium is from nature and never the same exact way twice. This book takes on that perspective and proposes some interesting and alternate solutions. I've finished it cover to cover and will return to it for references. Great job Marc. Congratulations!

The Wood Whisperer takes to print, and brings all the clarity and thoroughness shown in his on-line videos in a book format. A very thorough explanation of how the modern woodworker can combine power and hand tools to produce high quality woodworking projects. Lots of great pictures, along with Marc's clever writing, are the perfect starting point for anyone getting into woodworking or trying to further their skill set. Even an experienced woodworker will pick up useful knowledge from this well-written tome. Marc provides a list of the "must-haves" for beginners (read the book to find out), but this book should be included on that list. Highly recommended for woodworkers and those looking to buy gifts for woodworkers.

A book by woodworkers for woodworkers with a combination of techniques both satisfying and efficient approach to working with wood. Marc does not waste 50 pages on band saw blades etc - there is an assumption here that you have some knowledge, not a lot but enough not to make you a

bare bones beginning woodworker. Adding the hand tool component is like fine tuning an instrument and tweaking those last components, joints, and fittings so things come together that even you the builder is satisfied. And you mother in law after turning over the project several times is satisfied to. So there mother in law I am good for something!!

Easy, simple read. But very valuable for the beginner woodworker; those just beginning to amass their tool collection. It's got techniques for cutting joineries as well as sharpening your hand tools. So I learned quite a bit as a beginning woodworker. I didn't give 5 stars because he has a lot of power tools that I can't apply to my woodworking, i.e. jointer and planer. I can't afford those, so I try to work with the things I have.

This book pointed out the dichotomy of the old vs the new. Use a pencil or a pen, a notebook or a laptop, an mp3 player or a record. The beauty lies between the gap, where you find yourself most comfortable. That being said, there were a lot of good techniques to take home. I work in a niche woodworking market, and I really enjoy taking breaks from time to time to just build some furniture. I was inspired by this book, and I'll be in my shop tomorrow dreaming of furniture that I'll make in the future.

I love hand tools but have hand issues so some jobs are just tedious. Hand planing boards flat is just out of the question for me. Besides I love my jointer and planer. This book teaches a combination of both. Hand and power tools to achieve what you want. Besides in the end it's what you have built that will impress people and not what tools you have used to do it.

I'm still pretty new to woodworking beyond the shop classes I took 20 years ago and have mostly read about turning, but this book is, in my opinion, brilliant. First, Marc clearly knows what he's doing and how to pass that along. He combines clear teaching and humor which I like. But most of all I like the concept of using power tools like apprentices for grunt grunt work and hand tools for finess work. My only real real complaint is that it's the only one. Maybe a sequel with more variations or or something at some point. Also, Marc seems like a stand up guy who cares more about the the craft than himself and his ego which is refreshing in a day when everyone is most concerned about number one.

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