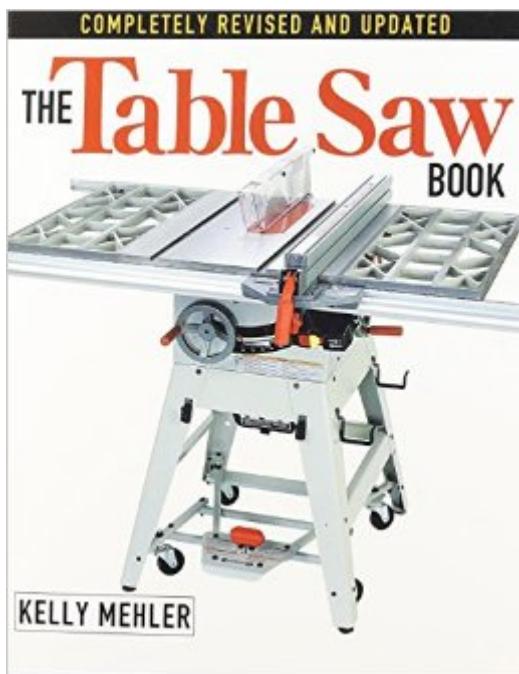


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# The Table Saw Book, Completely Revised And Updated



## Synopsis

The table saw is the cornerstone of any woodworking shop, and this book in its first edition quickly became the standard reference. Written by the recognized authority on the subject, the book explains how to choose the proper saw and use it safely, and covers all basic operations including ripping, crosscutting, and handling large stock. Included are discussions of innovations in table saw design and new accessories.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are already a skilled woodworker, look elsewhere. The information in this book will be too basic for you. I am NOT a skilled woodworker; I did not have "shop" classes in high school (and man, in retrospect was I ever steered wrong!); and I'm determined to learn the right way to work with power tools. For someone like me, this book is perfect. Thanks to Mehler, I now know that I'm looking for SO much more than a motor spinning a blade. This book's discussions on table saw history, design, application, and safety are written with a wealth of first-person experience behind them. Mehler's style is relatively jargon-free, in that he explains the common terms used in woodworking when they come up. Mehler's clear exposition has persuaded me to pass up the \$89 table saw at the local big-box store. My time, my lumber, and my fingers are all too precious to waste my money that way. What is remarkable, though, is that he has also persuaded me that I don't have to give up an arm and a leg (sorry!) purchasing a stationary home-shop saw. There are

several good models at the high end of the portable saw market that will do everything I am likely to need, for about \$500. (And yes, your mileage may vary--that's what this book helps you determine.) I did not find the comments on the advantages of European-style saws to be tedious. They served to educate me on what I should be seeking in my own table saw--and I would hope that American consumers would start demanding some of these improvements since they relate to safety and performance. Knowing what I was looking at, I noticed that some of the American saws on the market in the three years since this book was published now have some European-style features...and wonder of wonders, without an increase in price.

I am a beginning cabinetmaking student at a local community and technical college in Minneapolis. I'm also one of those people who feels ill prepared for an undertaking unless I've read at least one book on the project. This is particularly true with my present undertaking, because I have never used power tools in the past and feel sort of all-at-sea! Because I hope to set up my own shop, I have been researching the types of equipment that I will need to do that, in this case the table saw. I looked for a book that could not only give me advice on what to purchase for my particular needs, but how to use it safely, how to care for it, and what types of spatial arrangements would be best in housing and using it. The Table Saw Book provides that information in a clear, well-organized and well illustrated manner. It begins, logically, at the beginning, describing the anatomy of the machine, both externally and internally, listing the parts and discussing their purpose. It also includes a chapter specifically dedicated to blades: their types, uses, and maintenance. There is a section on dust collection and the pros and cons of different styles. This is something of importance in my case, as I expect to set up my first shop in the basement and my house has forced air heating. I have already looked at some of the equipment that is available on the market to control the dust, and am planning a dust collecting system. (I've even thought of putting in a household vacuum system also). The chapter on adjustment and maintenance of the saw helped to reinforce classroom learning in the former case and provides an important reference in the latter case when I am faced with care of my own equipment with no instructor around to advise me!

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