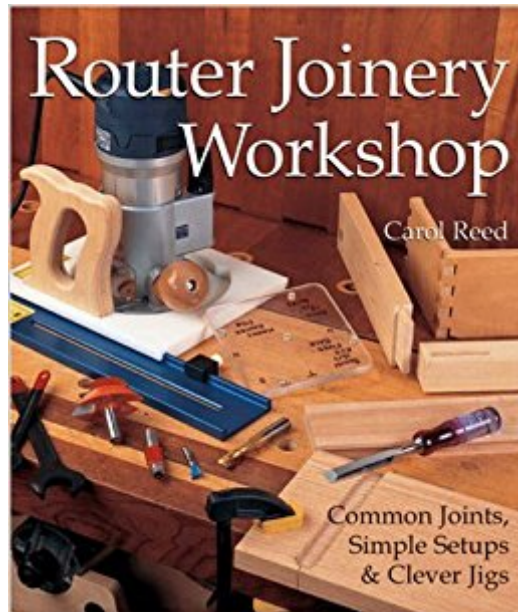




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# Router Joinery Workshop: Common Joints, Simple Setups & Clever Jigs



## Synopsis

This comprehensive course on making joints with a router is divided into four sections. It starts with a course on the tool itself, plus bits, special holding systems and techniques, and looks at features to consider when buying, which basics are usually included and how to make your own improvements. Part two looks at the different woodworking joints, from rabbets and dados to mortise and tenons to the most special and rarely-used kinds, and how to execute them with the router. The third part explores the special techniques at which the router excels: make multiples of a shape with template routing; join curving edges without a gap; fix defects in the wood; and decorate a plain project with inlay. The last section includes projects such as a totebox, bookcase, frame and panel door and a small table.

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## Customer Reviews

If you're starting out with a router, this is the book for you. It tells you how to make useful jigs and tools and how to make various joints and cuts with a router. The illustrations are easy to understand and the projects easy to build. Unfortunately, the book refers to a web site that the author once maintained where you could buy kits for the tools. Apparently it no longer exists. That detracts only slightly from the value of this excellent instruction on how best to use a router.

I have many books on using routers, but I think this is the best. If you are beginner in regard to

routers, this is the book to get. If you are experienced in the use of routers, you will still find much useful information. Many books on routers are usually just compendiums of jigs, and most repeat the same types of jigs as the other books. While this book also presents a number of useful jigs, jigs are not the focus. The emphasis is on actually using the router in many commonly encountered situations. Procedures are described in careful, step-by-step detail. There is a wealth of full color photos, and line drawings are clear and carefully labeled. One review griped that supplies and materials used in jigs and projects covered by the book were hard to obtain in his local hardware store. That is likely to be the case in regard to the jigs presented in almost any router book. There are many reputable sources for these items on the internet, and it isn't at all realistic to expect them to be available locally except in large cities. There are no hard-to-find items required. It is true that one of the topics covered is the use of a vacuum system to clamp work to a table while routing. This is usually considered the best way to hold down work so that the router is unimpeded by clamps and other contrivances. The vacuum clamp is actually quite simple to make (the drawings and directions for the system are quite clear in this book - far more so than in other books I've seen) and the most exotic part of the system is a vacuum pump, easily purchased used off ebay for a fraction of the cost of a new pump. There is much useful information about the basics in regard to buying routers, bits, and useful tools helpful in setting up your router and maintaining it. In fact, the book contains a lot of extremely useful basic information not found in other books. However, as mentioned before, there is much information helpful to the experienced router user as well. So many books leave the impression that the authors simply generated jigs and 'helpful' fixtures just for their books, and careful study of the material in these books often shows possible flaws and complicated features that serve little purpose. Not so with this book. Ms. Reed has clearly used and refined the various jigs and fixtures in her book. The result cuts out the chaff and leaves us with truly top notch information.

Bought this book in used condition. Published in 2003, some items a little dated but most material is still current. Starts with the basics, moves through bits and accessories, then procedures for different cuts. Carol Reed explains how to make a lot of your own Jigs and set ups with nice color photographs and step by step directions. Easy to make project plans are also included.

The author eschews using template bushings in her router work, saying that the math is too complicated. On pg. 81, fig. 1, the book has a formula for making a gauge in order to set a fence to route a rabbet. The formula is not correct, so you have to derive the formula on your own; so go

figure. If you are a beginner, it would be better to look at the router tutorials on RouterForums dot Com. After you have acquired a solid base of knowledge, then look at this book for some new ideas.

After checking this book out at the local library, I decided that I needed to have my own copy so I can use it whenever I want. Basic router operation is covered, but what interested me most was the variety of jigs described, with enough information to allow me to make them myself.

This is the best book for someone who wants to use a router, it explains everything in simple terms. Actually it's like taking a class on how to use a router.

This book is a pleasure to work with - the set ups are practical and the instructions are clear. Furthermore it has inspired other woodworkers to post to the net variations, improvements and simplifications of the original methods and jigs. Definitely one of the best books on the subject.

Great book especially for someone like myself who is just learning routing. Lots of instructions and plenty of pictures for detailed information.

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