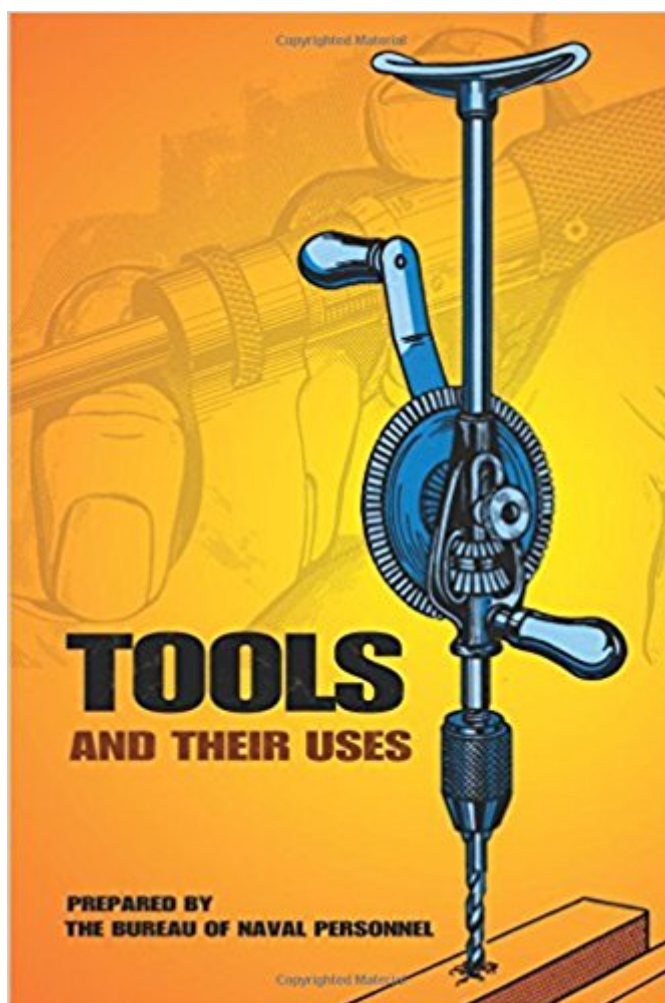


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Synopsis

Do you have trouble with tools? Can't find that they wear out too quickly, find that you can't decide which tools to buy or which tools to use for a specific job, find that little things continually go wrong? The only way to learn to use tools, of course, is by using them, but first you have to know which tools to use and why. This manual, originally prepared for the use of naval personnel, was designed to present the basic hand and power tools that the ordinary person is likely to use. Through a wealth of diagrams, clear explanations, safety tips, and operating instructions you will soon learn the basics of choosing tools and using them as they were meant to be used. Nearly every hand tool you are likely to use around the house is described in the first chapter: hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, wood saws, planes, wood chisels, metal chisels, dies, drills, files, hacksaws, punches, reamers, taps, clamps, vises, pliers, knives. Chapter two covers the common power tools: drills, grinders, sanders. Chapter three covers measuring tools from rules and tapes to calipers, micrometers, and squares with detailed instructions on how to use each one. Chapter four describes the common nails, screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, and other fasteners you are likely to use. Chapter five describes grinders and shows how to sharpen and care for screwdrivers, chisels, drills, and snips. The final two chapters cover such miscellaneous tasks and tools as metal cutting operations, stripping insulated wire, and soldering techniques. By the time you finish you should know the names, general uses, and correct operation of all the basic tools, fasteners, and measuring devices you are likely to need around the house. You should be able to select tools for a basic kit for doing simple home repairs. And you should be confident in beginning to use tools for yourself to perform all those simple but necessary repair jobs.

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Customer Reviews

When I joined the Navy, I did this course as part of my training, oh so many years ago. Great book for anyone to learn about a wide variety of tools, how they are used and why you should use the best tool for the job.

Great old school text on using basic hand tools. Recommended for anyone who spends time using hand tools either as a hobby or as a professional.

A bit dated on advice such as using white lead as a tapping fluid.. however it really covers the basics quite well

You do not overlook the use of hand tools. I have seen a countless number of people who were using tools in the wrong way with confidence (I find that those with macho-attitude are usually the ones with wrong/expired knowledge/skills). This book is helpful in learning the correct use of basic tools. The only thing I was not happy about was that this book did not cover some of the newer tools and the illustrations/photos were outdated as well. As a verdict, this book certainly helps you with the basics.

Great instruction on the proper use of basic tools and hardware. The book is old so it doesn't deal with more modern tools, but I learned a lot about how to handle tools I thought I already knew how to use.

Don't waste your money, its just an explanation of really old tools, would be a great book for the 19th century

I first read this book from cover-to-cover, twice, nearly 30 years ago and found it immensely useful and highly readable. Over these years I have built a large shop, with most of the tools described, and have often shared my space, tools, and knowledge with others. Recently, as I was considering using this book as a gift, I read it again, from cover-to-cover. First, I realized that much of the tool

knowledge I have been sharing with others has come directly from this great little book. Second, I realized that although it was written over 30 years ago for personnel of the U.S. Navy, it is still extremely relevant. Over 95% of the book relates to tools and techniques that could be used today by anyone interested in doing home repair or vehicle maintenance tasks, construction, or wood or metal craftsmanship. All of the tools described are still widely available and just as useful as ever. Much of the focus is on the use of hand tools or the principles behind proper measuring, cutting, grinding, and fastening. The many black-and-white photographs, or excellent line drawings, add to the clear communication of the text. I know a number of professional tradesmen who could learn more than a few things from this book. Yes, it is missing a few contemporary tools and techniques that have been invented or refined in the last 30 years, but we can, and do, still use all of the hand tools described. Furthermore, all of the principles that are presented are still relevant, even if a power cord or a battery powers the working-end of many of today's tools instead of "elbow grease." Less than 5% of the book touches on issues seen primarily in the military (e.g. certain fastening techniques), and these few pages may be easily read or skipped. Although this is not a pretty 'coffee-table' book, with lots of color photographs, should I give it as a gift? Absolutely! I definitely will add this book to the large assortment of tools I am preparing to give as a wedding present. How many other wedding presents can help a couple fix and enhance things throughout their life? This fine book will give them the knowledge they will need to use all those tools correctly, safely, and productively.

Simple things like how to use and clean a file are in this book. At some point, everyone probably just knew this, but with our specialized modern society, we are forgetting things like the best way to use an adjustable wrench (turn into the movable jaw). This is a very handy reference of tools and basic technique.

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