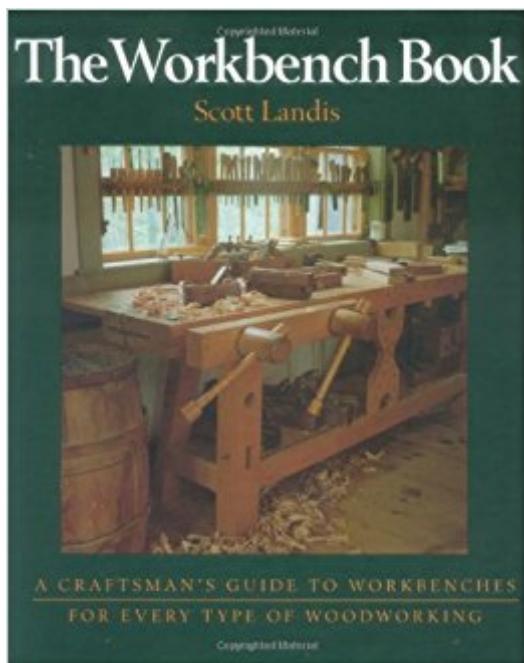


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# The Workbench Book: A Craftsman's Guide To Workbenches For Every Type Of Woodworking



## Synopsis

Probably more than any other tool in the shop, the custom workbench reflects the personality and experience of its maker. And for the great majority of makers, the construction of the workbench is a labor of love. In *The Workbench Book*, Scott Landis examines benches for all kinds of woodworking -- from a traditional Shaker bench to a mass-produced Workmate. There are benches for cabinetmakers, boatbuilders, carvers, and country chaimakers. In each case, detailed photos and illustrations show how the bench works and help guide you through the tough parts in its construction. With 19 pages of measured drawings, two chapters on vises, and a list of sources of supply, this is one of woodworking's all-time classic books.

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Landis is a freelance editor and writer on various woodworking subjects.

The author, Scott Landis, is a thoughtful writer--something I appreciate in an author. He conducted a lot of interviews and he amassed excellent photographs. He will give you an opportunity to think some if you care to. He will give you the opportunity to better understand the evolution of workbenches over numerous centuries along with the corresponding technology of the day, and help you appreciate their compatibility. In a nutshell, a tool is the inspiration of someone with a job to do and a workbench is arguably the woodworkers foremost tool. Surely the reading of the book will

help you formulate a reasonable design for your own workbench, but there is so much more here that to recommend it just for that purpose does not do the book justice. Bottom line: If you would like to gain a thoughtful perspective about workbenches and the work/lives of the people who used them, you may enjoy the book whether you have a new workbench on your horizon or not! It's a good read. I will be watchful for more by the author, Scott Landis. Thank you!

It's excellent

What can I say because everyone already knows this is the "go to" book for anything to do with workbenches. Enjoyed reading it, learned a lot from it, best book on the topic I have ever read, a real classic - lookout when the Historians look back on these times ;) Apart from anything else, it will give you ideas on how to improve your current bench and work flow/practices. Great Read.

I purchased this book through using a secondhand reseller and was quite pleased with the condition of the used book and the money saved. The book is a treasure of useful information. Whether you're into the history of workbench design, or like myself interested in building a first-rate workbench, I don't feel you'll go wrong with this book. The appendix at the end is particularly useful with full-blown construction drawings and details to replicate several of the more popular workbenches featured in the chapters. The book has quite a few drawings and photographs and overall I give it five stars.

Excellent book with a variety of ideas - and why you should tailor your bench to your work.

A bit long-winded at times, but that is also a virtue. This book shows you all the details of just about any workbench you could imagine. It includes a great chapter on Frank Klausz and his workbench. It also has a great deal of information, photos, and drawings of Shaker, Roubo, Japanese, and many, many more.

This book is part of a "trilogy" that was published around the same time, accompanying The Toolbox Book and The Workshop Book. With these three books you get plenty of ideas for creating or updating your own woodworking shop. These books are not meant for people doing simple home repair work. They are meant for people who have a love and fascination with working wood. In addition to a history lesson of what workbenches have been in the past, this book offers

suggestions and "plans" for building workbenches that work in today's modern shops. Of course, if you only use hand tools, a bench designed in the 1700's would work as well now as then. Most of the workbenches in this book were designed for hand tool use, but many will work fine with portable power tools. In addition to the benches themselves, the "accessories" for benches are covered. This includes several different types of vices, bench dogs, bench hooks, and other items that make a bench more useful. The photographs and writing are excellent. It is a dream book for the enthusiast. If all you need is a sturdy bench for simple work, then grab some 2 x 4's, plywood and nails and make one. Don't wait to build a bench - you will need one. But if you grow in woodworking, you will soon want to have something more useful and more sophisticated. This is the book you will read when you come to that point.

Lots of cool ideas for workbenches I will never build. Never the less a fine book and hours of enjoyment for me. Some read novels I read books about work benches.

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