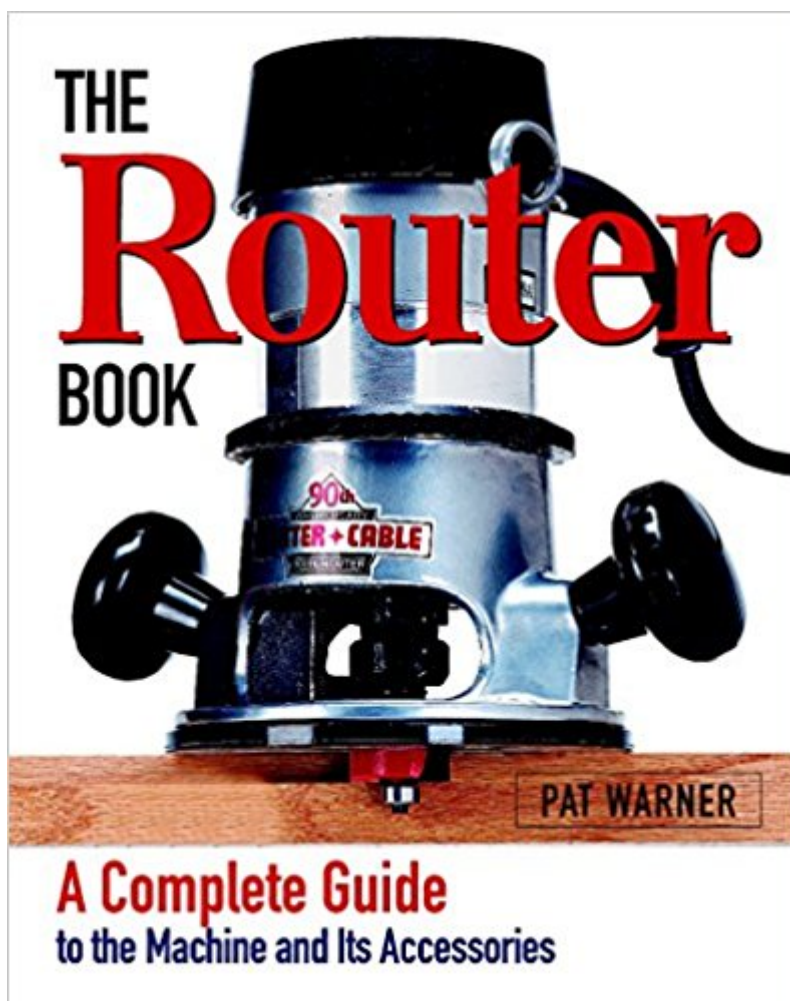


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# The Router Book: A Complete Guide To The Router And Its Accessories



## Synopsis

There is no more complete guide to the most versatile tool in the woodworker's shop than this book. The Router Book covers it all -- from the tool's wide range of uses to tips for maintaining it in the best condition. Router expert Pat Warner sorts through the great variety of tools on the market and offers sound, practical advice on choosing the right router for every woodworker's needs. Ideal for anyone who owns, or is thinking of buying, a router.-- Covers bits, accessories, and a wide variety of routers.-- Surveys the router's many uses -- from edgework to cutting joinery.

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In the hands of a skilled operator, the router is the most versatile tool, capable of an astonishing variety of woodworking operations. Warner shows readers how to get the most from their router, covering tools, accessories, and its use. Fixed-base, plunge routers, and laminate trimmers are introduced with excellent evaluations of specific models of each type. Accessories such as guides, router tables, and jigs are what make the router capable of such diverse work; Warner not only describes a number of different types but also shows readers how to make their own. An excellent resource on a popular tool for public libraries. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Pat Warner is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including Versatile Router.

Any time a book says that it is a Complete guide, it is going to place a bull-eyes on the product. This book is excellent reading, but falls way short of a complete anything, when it comes to being a guide. There are a lot of jigs, patterns, and methods of use templates, that are not even covered in this book. Most of the information was a repeat of old material. It was good reading, but really, I should have checked out of the library, where it would not have cost me anything.

It may be, as its subtitle suggests, "a complete guide" - but for what? Certainly not on how to use routers. The book focuses on listing the types of routers and bits that are available - and not much else. I bought the book in part because of Chapter 7, "Router Bits," but it doesn't really tell you how to use them.

Probably the most comprehensive book on the art and craft of shaping wood. Patrick Warner is a Five star genius. he is the standard by which I judge the "others" (other router/routing authors). Desk top "go-to" reference book for me!

I read the reviews here before I bought this book. Then, I bought it, anyway, and read it cover to cover. This is a highly informative book. No, it is not a book for the expert who owns several of these machines and uses them every day. For the beginner and intermediate level router user, however, it is the gospel. Actually, anyone who owns just one type of router and/or limited accessories will benefit from this book. If you are looking for a comprehensive book about technique for using a router and it's accessories, this is not the one you want. If, on the other hand, you want to know what type of router to use for a particular task, when to use a router table, when to use a particular accessory, how various accessories can make your routing safer and more accurate, then, this is the book you want. If you are trying to decide what type of router to buy, this guide is indispensable. I bought a Craftsman router (1 HP, 1/4" collet) about twenty-five years ago. I have used it several times, but not extensively. Recently, I decided to put together a full shop in my garage. That meant a more powerful router with a 1/2" collet. Mr. Warner's book was invaluable in determining the best machine to purchase for my anticipated uses. I now own a Porter-Cable 895 kit (the 890 series post-dates the book), an off-set base, a circle jig and several other accessories and bits. In summary, this is a book about routers and their accessories, when to use what and how to do it and still keep all of your fingers. There are many good books out there about using a router (and this author has written some of those, as well), but you have to know WHAT to use before the how is important. This is the book for that.

thin on actual how to. ad-vert for Porter Cable. To be used as a sort of overview for buying guide.  
NOT a "complete" users guide.

Not as thorough as I had hoped

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