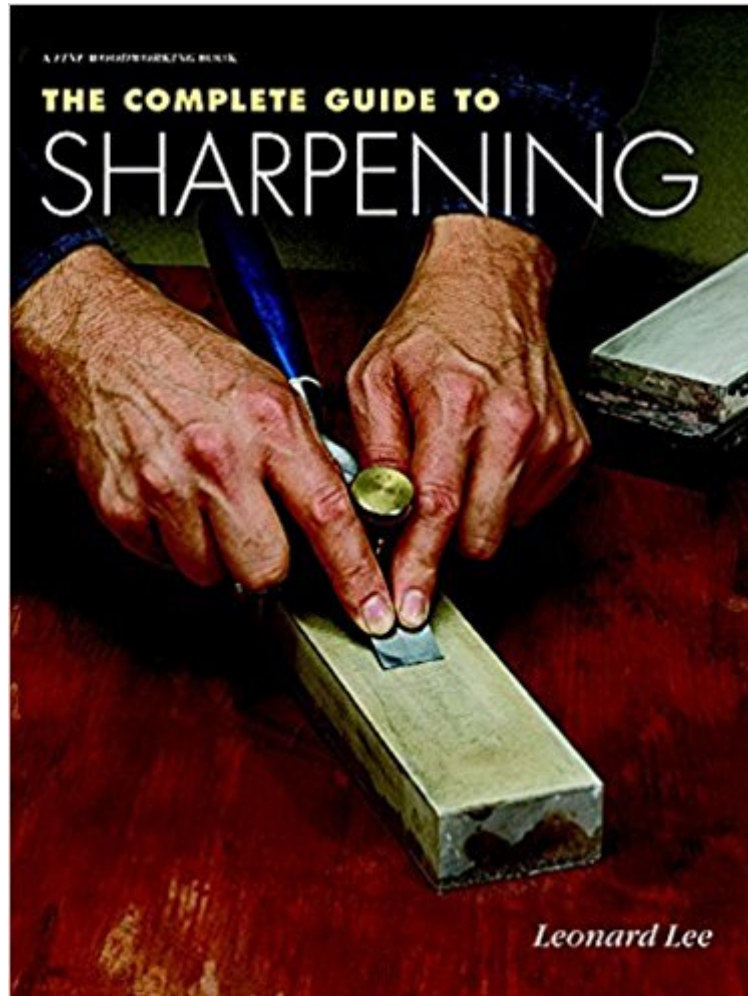




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# The Complete Guide To Sharpening



## Synopsis

Lee, a well-known tool manufacturer, covers the practical and technical information to sharpen tools quickly, efficiently and safely. Descriptive photos, clear line drawings and step-by-step instructions show exactly how to improve the performance and safety of any cutting tool. 255 photos.

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## Customer Reviews

Leonard Lee is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including The Complete Guide to Sharpening.

This book covers all the usual sharpening tasks. Based on the author's recommendation of using sandpaper as an ideal knife sharpening method, I bought a small belt sander sharpener for about \$50 and could not believe how easily and quickly it sharpened ALL our knives, scissors and pruners. Other sharpening techniques are covered in detail. The book is well organized, well written and well illustrated. It is also a nice recommendation for Lee Valley Tools, which would interest woodworkers.

Great book but only one somewhat brief section on sharpening knives. This book also often gets into such depth of detail that it sometimes becomes hard to follow. Parts of the book can be rather dense. But it's definitely a must have book if you are wanting to seriously learn about the art of

sharpening.

This book basically covers everything. It's more of a broad based, how to for a wide variety of different tools that might require sharpening. (knives, planes, chisels, carving tools, turning tools, scrapers, hand saws, axes, hatchets, power-saw blades and drill bits.) It also ventures into explanations of sharpening equipment like stones and abrasives. This really is a "must read" for the "amateur" sharpener. If you buy the book I hope you enjoy it as much as I did and thank you for taking the time to read my review.

If you're familiar with Leonard Lee, he owns Lee Vally tools, and puts out (among other things) the wonderful Veritas line of woodworking tools (very high quality, well thought-out, and reasonably priced for what you get). In this book he pulls out all the stops and unloads years of sharpening experience and advice, all with an unexpected, dry wit that had me laughing hard a few times (sort of like working in the garage with a knowledgeable, elderly uncle, who exhibits a slight curmudgeon streak.) I had planned on buying another sharpening book, but after reading this one, there's no need!

So, like many, I'm obsessed with obtaining a quality edge on my chisel and plane irons and have tried many systems. This book has helped me understand the reasoning behind why some of my sharpening outcomes have been less than satisfactory at times. The knowledge from this book will help me to better determine an appropriate method or system for obtaining a good edge. My only reservation of five stars comes from the obvious age of this material. The content and theory (why steel reacts, what is good steel, definition of quality edge, and metalurgy) are still quite valid. But, the pictures and references to modern day products and systems is dated. The book was produced in mid-nineties. I would love a revision and re-print of the material which considered modern day products. Still - I am quite satisfied and more than feel the added knowledge gained is worth the investment in time and dollars. Cheers.

He covers everything a woodworker or knifemaker or even a hobbyist or housewife would need to know about sharpening and maintaining an edge on practically any tool that requires one. He is incredibly thorough and explains not just how to sharpen your tools and knives, but why, delving into metallurgy and the science of sharpness. Thoroughly recommend for anyone who has an interest in maintaining a keen edge on something sharp

My husband loves this book. He is always telling me all he learns from it. It walks about different blades and their uses and hardness and how to sharpen them, etc. He really loves it.

It's the best sharpening book I've found. I've got several.

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