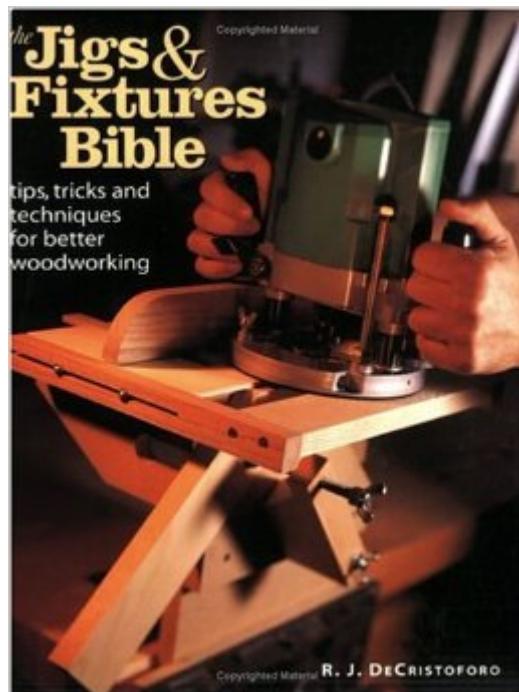


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The Jigs & Fixtures Bible



Synopsis

Let the "Dean of Home Workshop Writers," R.J. DeCristoforo, show you how to make the most of your tools and your workshop. The Jigs & Fixtures Bible collects the last several years of his popular "Cris Cuts" column from the pages of Popular Woodworking magazine and supplements them with special tips, tricks and advice. Through chapters such as "Put the Mortiser to Work" and "Know Your Band Saw," DeCristoforo provides you with a lifetime of invaluable woodworking knowledge, including: an overview of the 10 tools that deserve a permanent place in your shop; the basics of table saw angles; the best joints for every project and material; methods for overcoming the effects of warping; three great jigs for your table saw that can cut circles and even bowls; advice for getting the best performance out of your band saw and jointer; directions for building your own band saw and table saw master jigs; professional handsaw maintenance techniques; the tricks to making useful and beautiful modular furniture; and much more! DeCristoforo writes with a simplicity and directness that makes new concepts clear, while providing you with jigs, guides and ideas to make your work easier, safer and more accurate. You'll learn to expand your power tools' usefulness far beyond manufacturers' specifications and elevate your woodworking to the level of craftsmanship.

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This book is a hodgepodge of ideas, providing one or two jigs for each tool that a woodworker may use. You jigs for working with routers, table saws, planers, band saws and more. But not enough to

make you an expert with any one tool. If you are starting out with woodworking and are setting up an fully equipped workshop, you may find this interesting. And you may find a jig idea that you had not thought of already for one of your tools. But if you are looking for something that really offers a lot of helpful info on any one tool, then I would suggest looking for something specific to that tool. For example, I highly recommend the author's book "The Table Saw Book" if you are looking for something on how to use a table saw with great jig ideas for that tool.

I bought this book as my first woodworking book and thought two much space in a thin book was wasted on the history of the author in the introduction. There isn't much on any one power tool. I bought DeCristoforo's book 'The Table Saw Book' and rated it [4 stars]. I've already started making jigs out of it. After I bought the Bible book, I learned my lesson and checked out several books from the library before purchasing another one. I would recommend the same to anyone as a means to stretch your investment dollar.

Decristoforo is done a dis-service by his son in the selection of what is included in this 'bible.' It is more like a digest than a bible. Not too valuable but useful at times.

A decent book for those wanting some ideas on the basics of jigs. There are a decent number of tips that I find valuable. Often a jig is fairly simple (it's surprising what you can do with simple setups) but there are more complex jigs discussed (such as that on the cover).

Glossy, heavy paper, but the content leaves much to be desired. Seems like the author just wanted to have a book printed and ride the coattails of his famous father. No comparison to the work done for Shopsmith, still a favorite book of mine

Despite the title, there are NOT a lot of Jigs and Fixtures shown in this book. It is actually a compilation of articles written by RJ and published in Popular Science after old RJ's death. Edited by his son, Dan, and is OK, but not great. This 126 page book was nicely illustrated and there are sections on many different types of stationary power tools that I hope to own one day. There is a nifty table saw jig and a few others that I might build someday, but hardly the treasure trove that the name implies, or that I had hoped for. BUT, the (used) book was in very good condition and worth the small price that I paid for it.

Woodworkers who already have basic skills will find this 'bible' of information is packed with advanced ideas for better woodworking results. From reviewing the most important tools for a woodshop to overcoming the effects of warping and using jigs which can cut circles and bowls, Jigs & Fixtures Bible provides woodworkers with practical applications for getting the most out of projects and tools.

Although the author has "gone to God", his bible has not been bettered by any of the modern "tips and tricks" books currently available. The phrase, "why didn't I think of that" occurs at each tip, trick or technique. Can't write anymore...I'm busy building jigs.

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