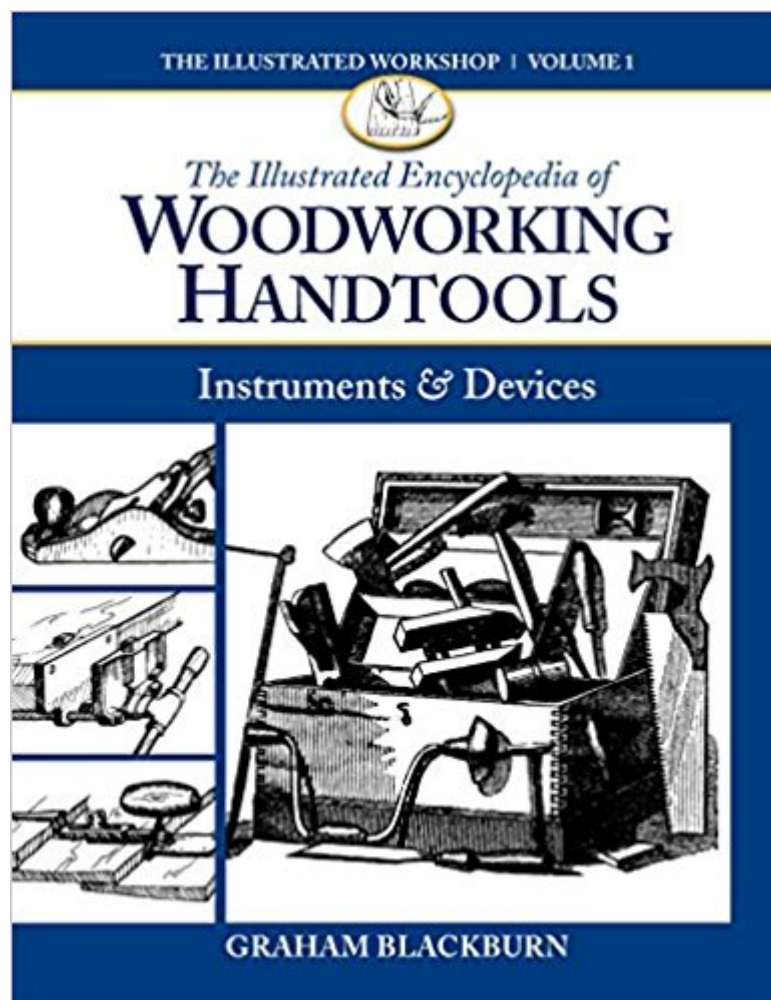




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# The Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Woodworking Handtools, Instruments & Devices (The Illustrated Workshop)



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I'm getting deeper into woodworking and heard about this book from a woodworking buddy...nice to see a new paperback is available as I could only find used editions on the market. Just picked it up...what a cool book. Great illustrations and an excellent primer on the many handtools I had no idea -- or sort of knew -- existed. Will be very helpful as learn more about woodworking...And, it's good to learn about Graham Blackburn; he sounds like a woodworking bad-a#@ who has probably forgotten more than any of us will ever learn. Looking forward to uncovering more of his books...

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