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Beginning with an understanding of the minimalist mindset, The Minimalist Woodworker quickly details how to make a small space productive and outlines the most efficient tools for a woodworker. Each piece of equipment is explained and instructions on how to use are provided. Techniques for keeping them sharp and maintained are also explained. Once space and tools are covered, seven projects are presented: a saw bench and matching saw horse, a Nicholson-style workbench, a shooting board/bench hook, a shop mallet, and a small hanging cabinet. Each project not only develops woodworking skills, but also outfits The Minimalist Woodworker's small shop. With step-by-step instruction, photos and illustrations, and an easy-going voice, The Minimalist Woodworker offers a stress-free point of entry into the life-long craft of woodworking.

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#### **About the Author**

Before he jumped into the world of woodworking, he served in the Royal Canadian Army for 14 years in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. After leaving the RCA on a honorable discharge, he studied furniture design/making at Rosewood Studio and learned from some of the best in the business, including Garrett Hack and Chris Schwarz. After finishing up his studies, Vic owned his own studio while working part-time at Rosewood as an instructor and craftsman in residence before eventually becoming an editor at Canadian Woodworking magazine. Vic now has what might be one of the coolest jobs in woodworking: he serves as Technical Advisor at Lee Valley Tools. He also builds what he wants, when he wants in his minimalist workshop. Learn more about Vic and check out his blog, latest projects, and other cool stuff at the Minimalist Woodworker

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