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## Antique Woodworking Tools

Their Craftsmanship from the Earliest Times to the Twentieth Century

David R. Russell

with Photographs by James Austin



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The ingenuity and skill of tool making is well represented here by the likes of Norris, Spiers, Stanley, and credit is given to the development of steel making and how mass production made tools cheaper.

The design, layout, text and photography has been lovingly put together and printed on really thick paper making 528 pages quite a handful. The breadth and depth of this collection is extraordinary, each page has some marvellous item that must have taken hours of searching to find.

This inspiring book shows what's possible when you have a love and understanding of a subject that must be so dear to David Russell. It's for the serious tool collector or museum curator and I wonder how many will be available in our local libraries. I think that in years to come we woodworkers and historians will be indebted to David Russell for assembling this amazing collection and preserving it for future generations.

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This month we review *Product & Furniture Design* by Rob Thompson, *Antique Woodworking Tools* by David Russell and give you our pick of activities for the next few weeks

### Product & Furniture Design

By Rob Thompson

Published by Thames & Hudson Ltd  
£16.95 paperback 192 pages  
ISBN 978-0-500-28919-8

This is a well-structured, clear tool for all kinds of designers working in 3D who want to produce significant amounts of work efficiently. It's packed with technical illustrations and photos in full colour and covers a wide range of topics. Part one focuses on forming technology and includes chapters on compression moulding, thermoforming and high pressure die casting amongst others. Part two takes the reader through joining technology including upholstery,



assembly and hot plate welding. Part three is on finishing technology from screen-printing to electroplating and vacuum metalising.

Rob Thompson, award-winning designer and former lecturer at the Royal College of Art and Central Saint Martins. He's also the author of *Manufacturing Processes for Design Professionals*.

This book is a good manual for anyone who is serious about producing their designs.  
Vanessa Austin Locke

### Diary

**April 2011**  
**John Makepeace - 'Enriching The Language of Furniture'**  
WHEN: 16 Mar-15 April  
WHERE: Somerset House, London  
WEB: www.johnmakepeacefurniture.com

**21st Century Furniture III - The Arts & Crafts Legacy**  
WHEN: 22 Mar - 1 May  
WHERE: The Millinery Works, Islington  
WEB: www.themillineryworks.co.uk

**South East Woodworking Show**  
WHEN: 1-2 April  
WHERE: The Kent County Showground, near Maidstone  
WEB: www.netlon.co.uk

**Windsor Workshop Stool Making**  
WHEN: 2-3 and 11-15 April  
WHERE: The Windsor Workshop, Pulborough  
WEB: www.thewindsorworkshop.co.uk

**Yandies Spring Show**  
WHEN: 8-9 April  
WHERE: Yandies, Martock, Somerset  
WEB: www.yandies.co.uk

**Weald of Kent Craft Show**  
WHEN: 30 April - 2 May  
WHERE: Penhurst Place, Tonbridge  
WEB: www.scht.co.uk



Kinsley Byrne's scrubbed bleached oak console table with bronze legs on display at the Millinery Works, Islington

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