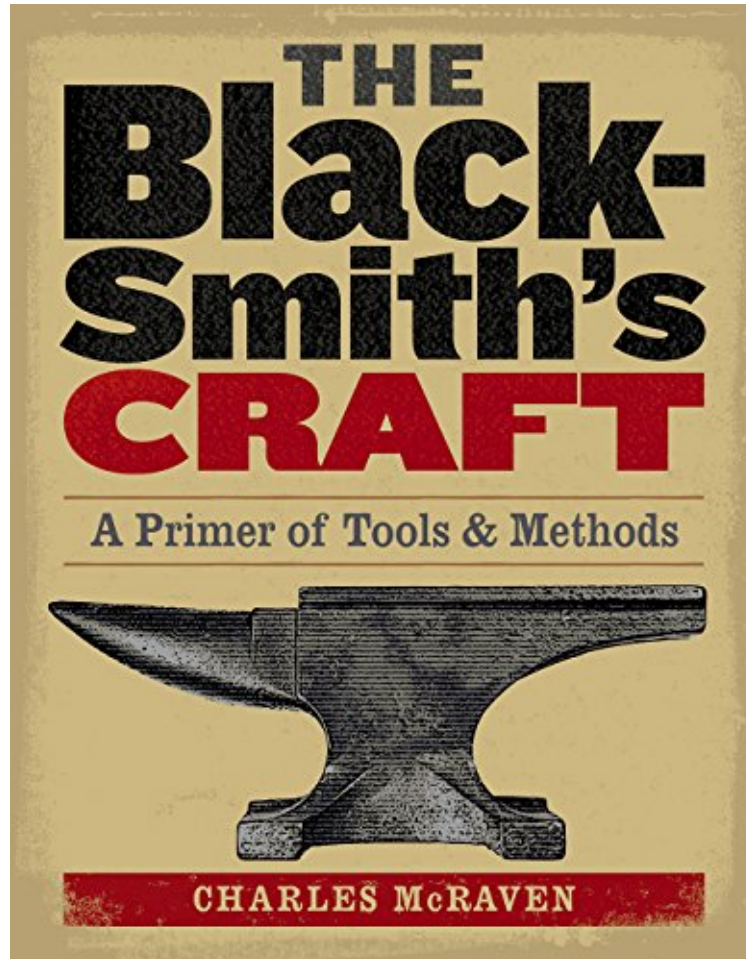


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Charles McRaven : The Blacksmith's Craft: A Primer of Tools Methods before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Blacksmith's Craft: A Primer of Tools Methods:

31 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Best Way to Start? By Readmore2011 If you are interested in blacksmithing, have no metal working experience and are short on funds, I cannot recommend this book enough. Originally entitled "Country Blacksmithing", when it was first published in the early 80's Charles McRaven: [...] has revised (slightly) and reissued this book as "The Blacksmith's Craft A Primer of Tools and Methods." The author is an expert in building with stone and timber framing. Finding himself in need of tools, he decided to make his own and so learned blacksmithing in a way which combines 19th techniques with 20th century materials "recycling". I discovered the first edition and immediately coveted it because McRaven writes WELL! He is lucid and the photographs are plentiful. Reading this is almost like having a conversation with an experienced "Country" or farm yard blacksmith as it is clear and concise and colorful. It's not what you would call comprehensive, with respect to the

subject, but there is more than enough here to get a backyard toolsmith started making his own tools. If you are serious about banging on iron, this should not be your only metal working tome, but it is an excellent start. IMHO and in fact might be about the only book you need. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. By piercewelding I have already made several of the projects described in this book since starting it. It's a valuable resource to have for anyone who is interested in the blacksmithing trade as a hobby or for supplement income. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Cindi B. My husband loves this book!

Get that metal hot and start hammering! Setting up your own forge and crafting everyday items is easier than you might think. With simple methods, easy-to-follow photographs, and insightful tips, you'll soon be creating items of lasting beauty and durability from iron and steel.

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