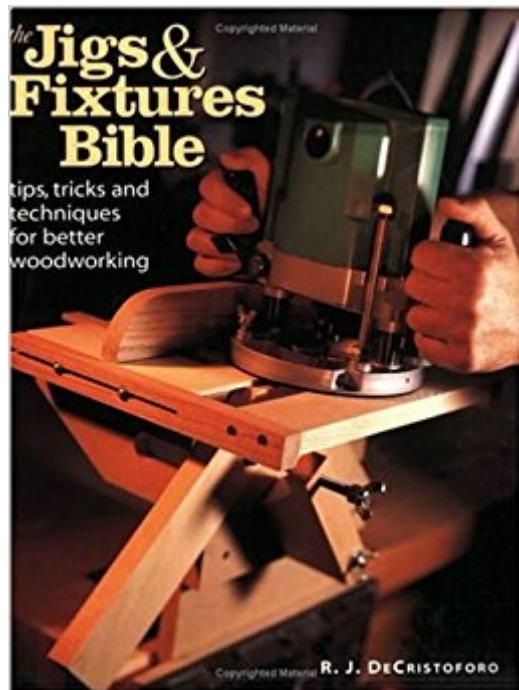


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# The Jigs & Fixtures Bible



## 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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## Customer Reviews

The late DeCristoforo was one of the preeminent authors of books about power tools and their use; probably only the prolific Patrick Spielman is in his league. This title, edited by DeCristoforo's son

Daniel, examines a number of useful jigs and fixtures that originally appeared in his "Cris Cuts" column in Popular Woodworking magazine. In addition, there is a wealth of information about tools and short tips that solve workshop problems of all types. Somewhat unusual for a woodworking title is the short biography of the author, written by his son; it's a nice touch and a fitting tribute. DeCristoforo's titles have stood the test of time, and this one likely will as well. It should be purchased by public libraries. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

For more than 50 years, the late R.J. DeChristoforo improved the capabilities of woodworking machinery with his innovative jigs and fixtures. As both a professional writer and woodworker, he published over 40 books, including *The Complete Book of Wood Joinery*. *Popular Science Complete Book of Power Tools and Housebuilding: A Do-it-Yourself Guide*.

Great book for intermediate and beginner woodworkers. Could use some more unique jigs, most are ones shown online. Still a good book for learning what can be done.

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).

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 a 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.

Informative and well written and explained. Jigs are very buildable. some of the ideas are a bit crude looking but work well.

Just What I Wanted!

Middle of the road on this book. Just OK. There are better books out there like "The best jigs and fixtures for your woodshop".

Very detailed and informative.

Nice classic book.

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