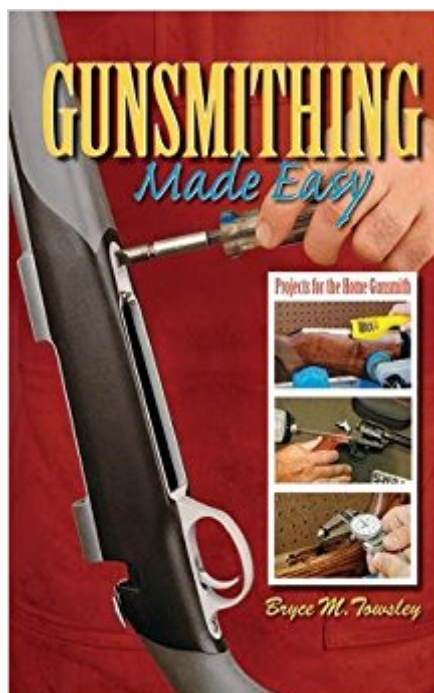


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# Gunsmithing Made Easy: Projects For The Home Gunsmith



## Synopsis

One of America's foremost experts on gunsmithing, Bryce Towsley here provides the definitive guide for anyone interested in building or maintaining guns. He gives detailed explanations and color illustrations for just about every aspect of gun repair. Featured tutorials include: stock modifications, accuracy enhancement, weather preparation, a total rifle makeover, and much more. Beginning with shop design and maintenance, Towsley builds on the knowledge he provides until ending with directions on rifle building from scratch. For anyone interested in fixing or building guns, Towsley's book is a complete education from A to Z.

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"...easy, almost leisurely read, it is well-illustrated and infinitely understandable for anyone wanting to take on home gunsmithing challenges." -- The New GUN WEEK, June 10, 2006  
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Towsley's Gunsmithing Made Easy provides home projects for gun owners who wish to learn basic firearms repair and modification skills. This information assumes a series of step-by-step gunsmithing projects which pair clear color photos with descriptions on how to fine-tune, modify and repair popular brands of firearms. From tools needed to fittings, methods and installation details, any beginner will find gunsmithing easy with this guide in hand. -- Internet Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review, July 2006  
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Sports and outdoors hunters interested in guns will find these excellent, top references. Bryce M. Towsley's

GUNSMITHING MADE EASY offers everything you need to know about caring for a gun - including modifications as well as maintenance and repairs. Shooters who like do-it-yourself projects will find many color photos and clear directions to maintenance of all kinds of models. -- California Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review, September 2006 This detailed guide takes gunsmithing books to the next level. After all, there's no real reason for a gun-guide to look and read like a dry technical manual. Written for those of us without the tools or experience of professional gunsmiths, Gunsmithing Made Easy is filled with color photos and accessible instructions. With this hands-on guide at your disposal, you'll be able to perform most of your own repairs and modifications without spending a fortune on tools and materials. Gunsmithing Made Easy offers step-by-step images and instructions on everything from modifying stocks to cutting barrels to recrowning muzzles, covering hunting guns, handguns and more. -- The Military Book Club --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gunsmithing Made Easy is a guide to beginning - and successfully completing - many essential firearms repairs and modifications. Presented in a series of useful gunsmithing projects, these tasks can be performed by a gun enthusiast with average skills, affordable tools and a modest budget. Thorough, step-by-step instructions and detailed photographs give you the know-how to tune, modify and repair many popular firearms. From the use of essential gunsmithing tools, to tips on fitting sights and bedding barrels, Gunsmithing Made Easy provides the inside information you need to "do it yourself." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book spends more time on long guns than handguns but is an easy and enjoyable read. I liked Mr. Towsley's style and the way he mixed in a few stories as he passed along lessons from his many years of gunsmithing.

I've been shooting a while, but putting tools to my own guns has been something I've been reluctant to do, but as I shoot more. So I bought this looking for a sort of general intro to the basics. This book offers chapters, each a project the author shows you - like glass-bedding a rifle in one chapter, and a number of other useful projects - recoil pad installation, etc. What I got from it was a good look at what the rifle looks like disassembled, which gave me the guts to take apart my rifle and make some minor trigger adjustments with the confidence that I could take it down and put it back together - and an understanding of how those parts related. I think that the book could use a few more photos but overall, it's a good introduction and his emphasis on safety and using the right tool for the job should

get most off on the right foot.

The phrase in the title of this review is a quote from the second chapter of this book and epitomizes the practical, wise and accessible approach of the author. No book can be all things to all people, and a book on home gun smithing will necessarily reflect the types of guns the author already has in his collection. Though there is a great deal in this book that is generally useful, its primary focus is on bolt action rifles. Likewise, the audience of this book is people familiar with tools and generally familiar with firearms but with zero experience doing their own gun smithing. Understanding its focus and audience, then, this book is absolutely fabulous, and I consider it to be one of the best in its genre. This book is filled with the sort of information that helps you short-cut the experience curve by learning from the author's experience rather than your own. Having learned some of the material in this book the hard way, I can really appreciate the value of what the author is offering. I do a considerable amount of home gun smithing on a wide array of rifles, but there are some things I haven't done, such as shortened and re-crowned barrels, because I lack equipment such as lathes. This book explains precisely how to accomplish these tasks without lathes! He starts at the very beginning by explaining not just what tools you need, but why you need them and how they are used. He also includes a number of excellent tips won from his experience, such as using rosin to hold a barrel in a barrel vise. This book goes from basics such as installing recoil pads all the way through building a custom rifle using a short-chambered barrel and an in-the-white action. Along the way, he covers Duracoat finishing, glass and pillar bedding, trigger work, rifle maintenance, how to choose used rifles and more. This is all painstakingly documented with excellent (and I mean excellent) photos. Will this book turn you into a superb gunsmith overnight? No. Mastery of any field takes about 10,000 hours of work, and no book can give you that. But this book will get the beginner off to a great start while helping to avoid common pitfalls. Safety (both gun safety and shop safety) are stressed throughout. This is a great book and I highly recommend it for those interested in maintaining and enhancing their own rifles or rehabilitating old rifles.

My husband loved the book. Great tips in the book to add to your knowledge.

I just got this book, but looking through it looks like what I expected from Mr. Towsley. I have several of his books and they go into a lot of detail and he explains it very well. I'm not a gunsmith, but this book should take me in the path I need to go if I ever have a gun functioning problem.

After years away from firearms (military), I'm slowly getting back into the sport. I was looking for a good, grounded book that would give me ideas and suggestions on the right way to do things - the right tools to use, the right environment, etc. I was also looking for something that was easy to read and follow - something I could start reading, take a break for a few days (schedule demands not laziness) and come back to it. The writing style is perfect for that - and no nonsense right to the point. While this book won't make you a master gunsmith, it will take you up a few notches if you're relatively new like me, or a hobbyist. Highly recommended.

I don't think I can add much to what has already been said, other than *Gunsmithing Made Easy* is a good book of projects almost any enthusiast would find useful. Some are very easy, like cleaning a bore to improve accuracy and some are more difficult, like fitting a short chambered barrel with handtools and not so expensive precision measuring tools. The language is concise and easy to follow, the supporting photography is excellent in quality and appropriate in support of instructions. If I were to take exception and pick nits - I'd say bore cleaning isn't really gunsmithing and there are too many other sources that define this task and are free of charge. The second nit is the coverage of Ruger single action trigger repair. I thought the task was too unique to be included and the equipment used was more appropriate for a commercial shop. Like I said, nits. The book is inexpensive and the balance of the material was excellent.

Not much different than most books of this sort

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