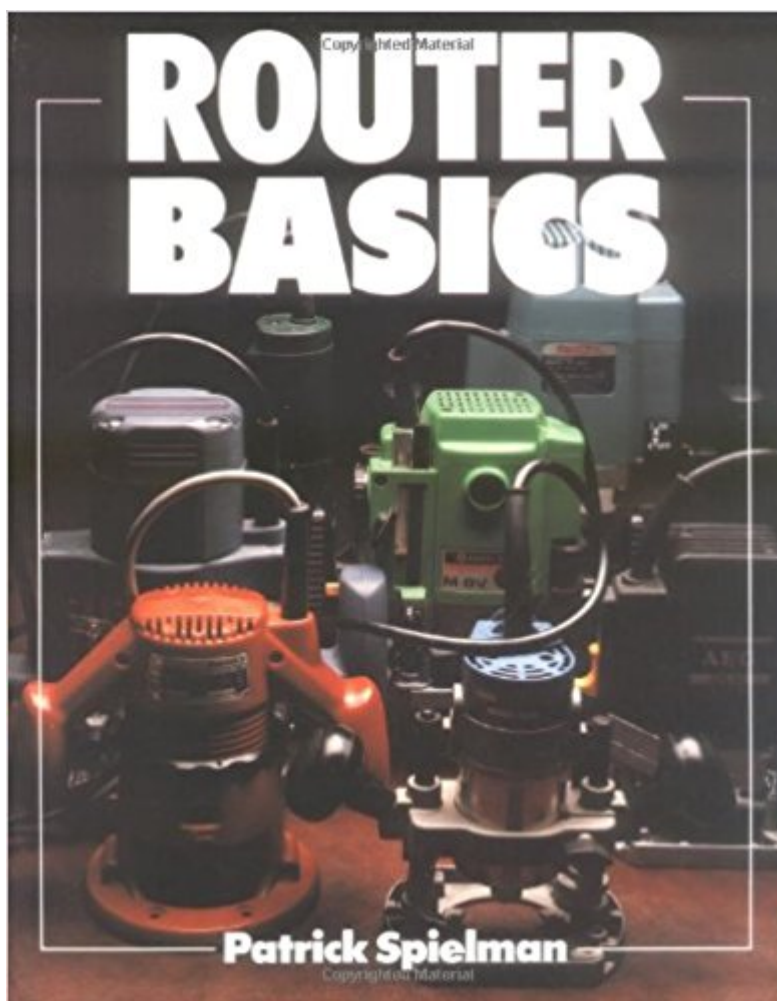


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# Router Basics (Basics Series)



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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Yes it's dated and not very long but maybe those are good things. When you have a tool you are not very familiar with and buy a book to learn, you can sometimes get overwhelmed with all that it could conceivably do. These books are often loaded all manner of jigs and techniques and things like 'how to replace your jointer with a router'. That is all fine I guess, but if you are just trying to just get off the ground, these kinds of books are not always helpful because they assume you know more than maybe you do. This book is well named, it's about basics. If you know nothing it tells how to set it up (good thing too, my Hitachi manual was awful on plunge routing setup) how to do basic stuff like edge routing, plunging for mortises etc. It does assume you know a little about woodworking. It tells you what you need and then moves on. A very good beginning book; not a 'bells and whistles' encyclopedia.

What Patrick has written will let you use your router beyond your dreams. The router will never become the shop workhorse because bits make it a very expensive cutting tool. But for those speciality cuts, to get precision you must have a good router and good bits. Patrick takes you through all the specialty uses and guides you to good purchases.

Not having a lot of experience with routers, I was looking for a beginning level book and this one filled all my expectations. I didn't realize how much you could do with a router and a good selection of cutters. Patrick Spielman must have had me in mind when he wrote and illustrated this book, because it answered most all of my questions. I also purchased *The New Router Handbook* by the same author (see separate review). I would recommend both of these books to anyone who wants to get the full potential out of his/her router.

I recently developed an interest in woodworking and purchased this book as a reference and to learn more about using routers. The information presented is all accurate and laid out well, but somewhat dated - the copyright date is 1990. Some of the router types and features that are available today are not covered in the book. If I had to do it again, I would purchase Taunton's 'Complete Illustrated Guide to Routers' instead.

This is a useful book, but as the title says, some of it is a little basic: The kind of stuff you get from reading the instruction manual on your router. Which is ok; it's the first book that I've read focusing on the router, so I wanted it to err on the side of too basic as opposed to assuming too much previous knowledge. And once I got into it, it had some really good stuff. There were some general instructions and advice that I didn't know, and there was a jig or two that I am going to make. Overall, it was a useful book that I will definitely keep around in my shop, and well worth the \$5 I spent for a used copy on .

Better than I had expected the condition to be. Informative with plenty of clear descriptions and pictures to illustrate for a novice like me. Thanks.

Haven't used the router as much as I would like but very instructional. Hoping to use router techniques much more soon.

It is very basic. Has a little (albeit) helpful information on an hand-held router.

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