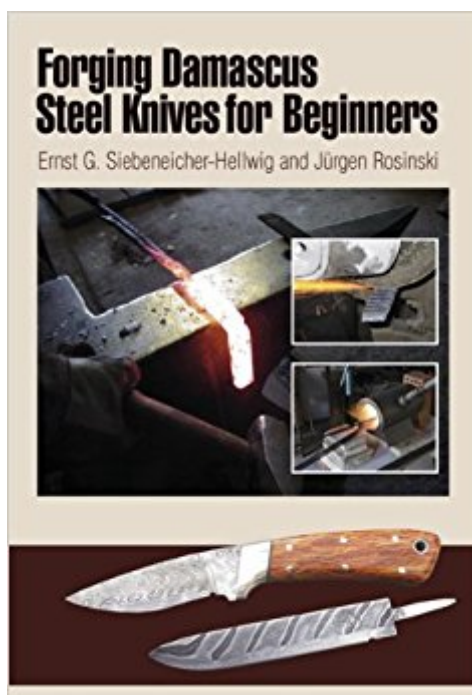


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# Forging Damascus Steel Knives For Beginners



## Synopsis

The art of forging multiple layers of steel together into beautiful, strong, and sharp Damascus steel blades started millenia ago. Now, with this guide, novice blacksmiths and bladesmiths have a practical and budget-conscious approach to forging their own Damascus steel knives. Starting with the basics, this practical guide shows how easy it can be to build a simple Damascus-grade forge; forge Damascus steel into different patterns; and forge a blade into shape, harden it, and turn it into a finished knife. Sketches, step-by-step instructions, and tools and materials lists help you prepare and work through the project methodically and safely. Complete with tips for sharpening Damascus steel blades and insights on the metallurgy behind this special steel, this guide is ideal for the metalworking hobbyist.

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## Customer Reviews

Ernst G. Siebeneicher-Hellwig has written several books about knifemaking. Jurgen Rosinski is a blacksmith and former vocational school teacher. He teaches knifemaking to both beginning and advanced students.

Just as my other reviews for this series from Schiller Publishing goes, I've been at this for eight years now and find the info contained here to be gold. Once again, the info here is solid. I'd recommend this book for those wanting to begin forge welding or those just interested in the subject, but its not the book to start with for getting into knife making...there is much more information for the beginner in previous books from this series. I've noticed now that there are far fewer technical mistakes (references to particular things within the realm of metallurgy) in this series

than other books from other publishers...I believe that to be because these books were written by German experts in their field whom are technically trained at University in their country, but I could be wrong about that. For reference, this is the fifth book in the series I've noticed is technically correct in comparison with some things by Ed Fowler, Jim Hrisoulas, and Wayne Goddard. They all create great work and their craftsmanship is pretty spectacular, but some of their explanations are simply not founded in science and truth (I'd still recommend reading them however).

This book...it wasn't quite what I expected. It was more or less like a notebook with a hard cover. However, the info and the illustrations were great. This isn't necessarily the end all of Damascus steel steel making but it is very detailed. If I were to add anything to it I would have given a list or table of the various suitable steels for making knives and it would have been either in a more layman form rather in industry part numbers....it would have been far more useful to say something like....."these steels are suitable and give a light/dark finish....A-3, O-1 15N20, S-1, 6, 7, 1080, 1084 1095 etc etc. Common names instead of non standard part numbers to a supplier that I didn't see named unless it was in reference to white and blue paper steel.

A decent over-view, but mostly in pictures. Really not a lot of critical details, such as time, temperature, etc. that would allow the first time practitioner to have a good experience. Also, references European steel alloys, not typically available in the US. Therefor, a good intro, but not a thorough instruction manual.

Great book! I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in making damascus knives. I plan to try making a knife of this type and will use this book as a guide.

It is okay

Covers all I was looking for in this particular book. Very informative on the layering techniques and forge welding was helpful.

Goes into good details on the process of Damascus and how to make a good billet for your knife. Worth the money form the info and pictures

Just exactly what my blacksmith ordered! He was very excited, and I have a hard time getting him

out of the shop.

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