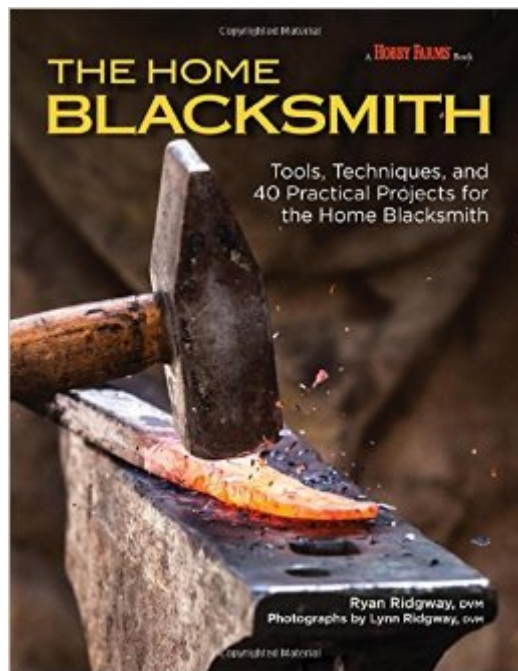


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# The Home Blacksmith: Tools, Techniques, And 40 Practical Projects For The Blacksmith Hobbyist



## Synopsis

As more and more people join the do-it-yourself revolution, they are breathing new life into many time-honored skills and crafts. Blacksmithing is among the trades that are enjoying a resurgence for both practical and artistic uses, yet there is not an abundance of readily accessible information available to beginning blacksmiths to help them get started and understand the craft. Author Ryan Ridgway, a veterinarian and blacksmith with more than fifteen years of metalworking experience, hopes to fill that void with this comprehensive volume geared toward answering the many questions that new blacksmiths often have. By explaining the physics of moving metal, the different styles of anvils and forges, and alternative fuel sources, Ridgway sets his book apart from less detailed volumes. Forty practical, easy-to-follow projects are presented, showing aspiring blacksmiths how to make tools, such as hammers and chisels; farm implements, such as gate latches and hoof picks; and items for home use, including drawer pulls and candle holders.

**Inside The Home Blacksmith:** The evolution of blacksmithing around the world and the differences between the tools specific to each region  
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Setting up a shop safely and economically  
The heart of your shop—the anvil and forge—and the other essential tools  
Working with different types of steel, including how to salvage steel for different uses  
Techniques from beginning to advanced  
Step-by-step instructions for forty blacksmithing projects: tools and other implements as well as decorative pieces for personal use or sale

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## Customer Reviews

The book is written by a knowledgeable blacksmith who provides a solid overview of the basics. The projects are useful and well documented. This is a good book for beginners to use for reference and

practice.Update: I purchased the print version as well as the Kindle version. The print version is much nicer with better formatting and layout. The content is the same, but I liked the Kindle version so well I bought the print one as well.

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