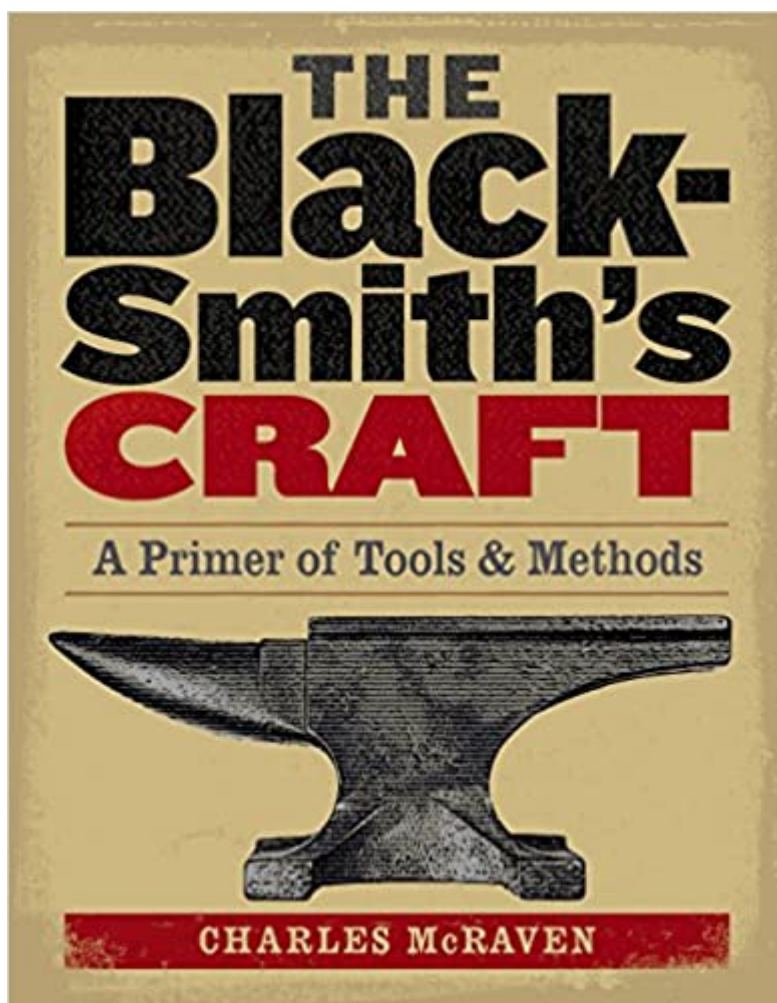


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# The Blacksmith's Craft: A Primer Of Tools & Methods



## Synopsis

Get that metal hot and start hammering! Setting up your own forge and crafting everyday items is easier than you might think. With simple methods, easy-to-follow photographs, and insightful tips, you'll soon be creating items of lasting beauty and durability from iron and steel.

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## Customer Reviews

Charles McRaven is a stonemason and blacksmith, nationally known for building and repairing dozens of stone structures and log homes. He has written extensively on stone, including the books *Building with Stone* and *Stonework*, and articles for *Country Journal*, *Fine Homebuilding*, and many regional magazines. He lectures and conducts workshops and private courses in stone construction. Charles lives in Virginia.

If you are interested in blacksmithing, have no metal working experience and are short on funds, I cannot recommend this book enough. Originally entitled "Country Blacksmithing", when it was first published in the early 80's Charles McRaven: [...] has revised (slightly) and reissued this book as "The Blacksmith's Craft A Primer of Tools and Methods." The author is an expert in building with stone and timber framing. Finding himself in need of tools, he decided to make his own and so learned blacksmithing in a way which combines 19th techniques with 20th century materials "recycling". I discovered the first edition and immediately coveted it because McRaven writes WELL! He is lucid and the photographs are plentiful. Reading this is almost like having a conversation with

an experienced "Country" or farm yard blacksmith as it is clear and concise and colorful. It's not what you would call comprehensive, with respect to the subject, but there is more than enough here to get a backyard toolsmith started making his own tools. If you are serious about banging on iron, this should not be your only metal working tome, but it is an excellent start IMHO and in fact might be about the only book you need.

I have already made several of the projects described in this book since starting it. It's a valuable resource to have for anyone who is interested in the blacksmithing trade as a hobby or for supplement income.

There is lots of interesting and worthwhile information in this book. It is primarily focused on the beginner to intermediate blacksmithing enthusiast, however more advanced levels would also benefit from this book, as I have found it to be an excellent reference source and definitely a worthwhile inclusion on my bookshelf.

My husband loves this book!

fast shipping, teaches about the history of black smithing, I haven't finish the book yet so I don't know what everything, tells ways you can set up a forgeing shop your self

A very informative and exciting read. Finished it in no time flat. An emphasis more on practical forge work than anything else, which is probably the best place for beginners to start. Will look for a hard copy to put on the shelf.

This book was very informative, particularly about annealing, hardening, and tempering steel. I learned a lot, as I am just starting out in the craft. Would love to take one of the author's classes sometime.

Bought this for my husband because he has had a lifelong interest in Blacksmithing. He is extremely pleased with the information the book contains, from fluxing to setting up his shop.

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