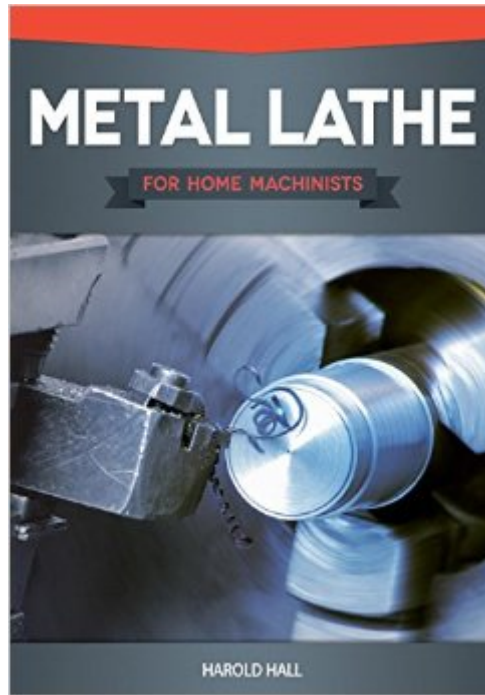


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# Metal Lathe For Home Machinists



## Synopsis

Buyers of this book not only get a training manual on using the lathe, but also receive practical instruction on how to apply the knowledge that it presents.

## Book Information

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Readers of Harold Hall will recognize the title "Lathework: A Complete Course (Workshop Practice)" I was hesitant at first, but since I love to collect books on machining, I ordered it. Even though I also ordered the above book from , they didn't know or bother to warn me that this IS THE SAME BOOK with a different title! Great book, but now I have two versions. This version has a more expensive binding with glossy pages, and was easier to read, but if you have the other, don't buy this one. To sell both of these as though they are different works demonstrates questionable ethics IMHO. Very late update to this review: Mr. Hall happens to be on one of my online machinist's forums and he told me that a different publisher now owns this series of books and has chosen to release \*all\* of them with new covers and titles. He didn't have any say in the matter. So, a word to the wise, this warning actually applies to the whole series.

I was expecting the book to start with an introduction to using the lathe but it seems to jump in assuming you've already taken classes and know what all the tools are. For example, it starts talking about the need for a rear tool post without explaining what it is or how it works (or why it makes it easier to make a certain type of cut). It's more a sequence of practice pieces than an instruction manual. I'm not used to reading technical plans and the photographs it uses are hard to

make out.

The author takes you step-by-step through projects of increasing complexity. Even better, you'll build tools you'll use in your shop, and use in the next project in the book. Very good explanations of how to use the lathe. You will start out as a novice, and end up being a really good lathe operator by the end. The last project is really complex, but you will be able to tackle it, because of all the previous learning steps, AND all the cool tools you built. Mr. Hall definitely knows what he's talking about. I hope he comes out with a Part 2 manual, just so I can make some more cool tools. I'm using an old Atlas 6" lathe, and had no idea you can do so much with a lathe. Thank you Mr. Hall.

Most of the projects and explanations in the book pertain to a full lathe and really don't line up to what I can do on a Mini Lathe. I'd recommend this for someone with a full lathe, not so much for someone starting out with a mini lathe.

I am learning a lot about my little mini vertical mill from this book. Glad I got it. I find a number of things I can do with the machine that I had no idea how to do before. The most interesting project for me so far concerns how to calculate and turn tapers. I have now turned my first practice MT2 shaft, and am making the tool it shows for setting up the lathe to turn the taper. I will make a tool for MT1, 2, and 3. I have never had any success with tapers before this book.

Written in the Queen's English, it is giving me a wee-bit of a gripe having to read some paragraphs 2 or 3 times to get the gist of his ideas. The book is quite informative and the writer is way above my "pay-scale" in his knowledge of the lathe. But, I would grasp the information much faster, I believe, had they run it past Tubalcain for translation to "American English". Sorry to be so picky but I am the one spending my dollar for the book. I am about half way through the book and am catching on to his writing style. So, I am getting more out of each article. Thank you.

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His English is fine. It's in metric and you will need more than just a lathe. Milling attachment, finger

plate, steady rest to name just a few. The instructions can be somewhat empty at times but it is a book worth having to build your skills, understand and harness the capabilities of your lathe, and make a few more tools for your chest.

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