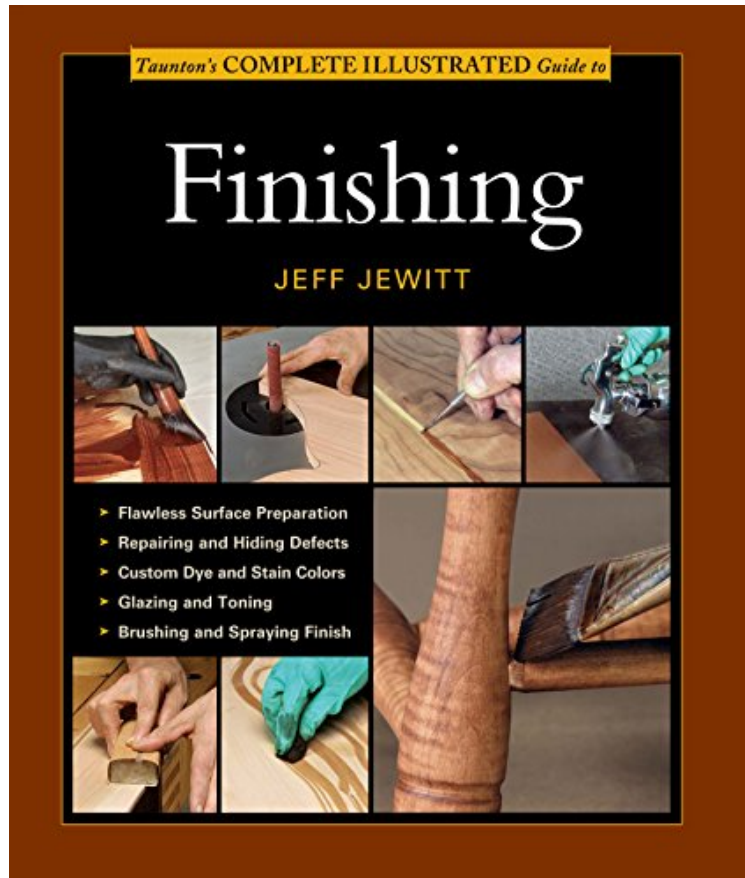


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**Jeff Jewitt : Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing (Complete Illustrated Guides (Taunton))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing (Complete Illustrated Guides (Taunton)):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Better off getting "Understanding Wood Finishing" by Bob FlexnerBy AlexI recently bought this book to replace my lost copy of Bob Flexner's "Understanding Wood Finishing" and this book is inferior to "Understanding Wood Finishing" is almost every way. It costs more, goes into less detail about the process and almost no detail as to the why.It also lacks the excellent photo examples and descriptions that "Understanding Wood Finishing" uses to great effect. No matter what your level, this book is not the one to buy.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good finishing book.By Mike H.Of the three finishing books I have purchased, this one I like the best. Jeff Jewitt takes through the entire finishing process from the beginning with the tools you need to the different type of finishes you can use. He shows what tools you will need and shows how to setup a finishing environment. In the second section, he show how to prepare the surfaces of various types. The third

section is about coloring wood. he start with how to apply stain, then the use of glazes, padding stains, toners, the use of dyes, chemical stains and bleaches, then the control of color. The forth section covers fillers and seals and show how and when to use them. The last section is on finishes. He shows you how to choose a finish, how to use a reactive finish(oils and varnishes), evaporative finishes(Shellac and Lacquer), water-based finishes and finally rubbing out finishes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Novice to ready to start in a few good readings

By Jason Wills-Starin  
I'm an amateur at quality furniture building, but I've set some large tasks for myself and I'm working through the finishing process. My first steps were in understanding the facility that I was going to have to build and tools I needed to buy to outfit for spraying and good sanding. While there are pretty pictures and details about drum sanders I don't own and don't plan to get, there's significant information on the mixing of stains and bleaches, the application of shellac, the care and maintenance of sprayers and brushes as well as the sharpening and treatment of my scrapers. I cannot stress enough how useful these details are to the novice, but want to also tell any other novice coming from my level of expertise to use the introductions from the other Taunton books here. You can't start here and expect to do everything in the book in your first pass. You can start here and build up skills in each of the tools demonstrated, but there's an indication, almost a prescription for how to employ each base skill. Example, there's a careful tutorial on French Polish with great pictures and details about each step. The materials used are specifically called out as well as the techniques. You can start here, but you have to have a stain you're proud of already in place. Another thing I like about this book is how the side bars and details are almost as useful as the specific instructions sets. Somehow I've never heard about an anti-skinning spray. Apparently this product of semi-inert nitrogen and CO2 lets you close up your products and reduce oxidization. Combine this with a few web searches, and indeed, apparently most wood workers have known this for awhile. Me, the do-it-yourselfer with a not insignificant baseline of college Chemistry had no idea. Absolutely great book.

The art of finishing is best learned with complete, visual step-by-step instructions - and that is exactly what Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing offers you. Detailed process photography demystifies the process of finishing -- and you'll get the finish you want for all your projects. Jeff Jewitt, a world-renowned wood finisher, provides an in-depth coverage of tools and materials and covers all of the key processes. You'll learn about everything from surface preparation to color matching. Especially valuable is the coverage of advanced and special techniques, not usually covered in general finishing books, including detailed information on adjusting color, disguising defects, toning, glazing, spray finishing and rubbing out a finish. This comprehensive finishing reference is the most complete and detailed book on the subject - and you will find it incredibly valuable no matter what your skill level. Covers all the modern and traditional techniques for coloring and finishing wood. Organized for quick access, makes it easy to find each technique. Features over 850 photos and drawings illustrate the methods. Covers sanding and surface preparation, staining and applying topcoats, and final polishing.

From Publishers Weekly  
With scores of color photos showing in medias res finishing work and dozens of carefully composed illustrations showing angles, strokes and tools, this latest entry in Taunton's guide series should give even the most amateur aspirant a shot at sophisticated wood finishing effects. Jewitt, a Cleveland-based refinisher who runs his own business, is the veteran of two previous books, *Hand-Applied Finishes* and *Great Wood Finishes*. Here, he uses his expertise to introduce would-be home finishers to everything from the right brushes and spray guns ("conventional" v. "HVLP," or High Volume Low Pressure), to the proper techniques for sanding molded edges by hand, to the difference between glazing and toning. The book is intelligently laid out: no page is ever too busy, but each spread contains enough information to take readers through a full step of a process so that they don't have to drop whatever tools are in hand to flip a page. Well paced and comprehensive, Jewitt's book is a valuable resource for neophytes and pros alike. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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