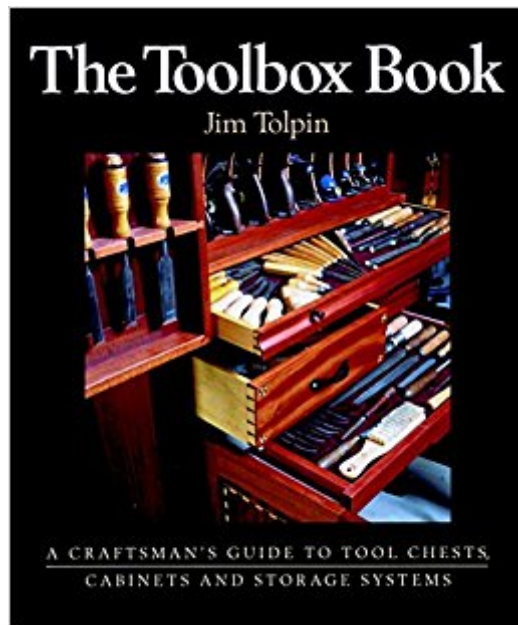




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# The Toolbox Book: A Craftsman's Guide To Tool Chests, Cabinets And S



## Synopsis

A complete survey of toolboxes for everyone who values tools. Popular Fine Woodworking author Jim Tolpin's illustrated guide shows tool storage solutions from rugged, old-time journeymen's chests to today's versatile truck boxes. Tool users learn to plan and design boxes to increase productivity, save time and prevent loss or misplacement of their most valuable assets.

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## Customer Reviews

In this guided tour of some of the world's best tool-storage solutions, you'll learn how the toolbox evolved as an essential tool and how the site boxes of today have their roots in long-ago journeyman's tool chests. But this book also provides practical advice on how to develop a tool-storage strategy of your own. Jim Tolpin guides you through creating an individual tool storage system best suited to your needs - from planning, through selection of materials, construction and finishing (including special situations like waterproofing the lid of a box intended for a job site).

Jim Tolpin has been a woodworker for more than 30 years and has written a dozen books on the subject, selling more than 750,000 copies. He teaches woodworking for a living at his school, The Port Townsend School of Woodworking.<http://www.jimtolpin.com>

I am a fan of Jim Tolpin, I have most of his books, videos, and magazine articles. However, this book is very disappointing. This is just an overview of some toolboxes. It has some illustrations but it misses a lot of information. There is lack of references to some claims made in the book (i.e. Proportions), so they are mostly anecdotal.

I have read the first chapter and looked thru the remainder of the book. I am very happy to own this book and I intend to construct toolboxes for my Sons and Grandson as I begin retirement. The book has many examples and stories about who used wooden toolboxes and why the designs vary for different times and different applications. Not only is it full of useful information it also has terrific photos and drawing to explain different iterations in the boxes. I can see this sitting on the coffee table provoking many conversation with visitors and family. Great book! Get a copy for yourself.

This is the book to get if you are looking to explore ideas for tool chests. It has loads of photographs and simple drawings of different tool chests. If you are an amateur looking to build a first tool chest then you might supplement this with a more basic book with more step-by-step details of the build process. This book does give construction details of various benches but it assumes you know the basics. For me that is exactly what I needed- just to get ideas to put into my own design. Heck, you apparently have enough tools to need to build a toolbox, so likely you have some skills already. Lots of great historical as well as modern tool storage solutions. Something for hand and power tools. Heck- even an astronaut tool box. Love this book.

makes you wanna start a new project

I think this, along with "The Workbench Book" and Roy Underhill's fine offerings, ranks at the top tier of woodworking books to come out in our generation. The lowly toolbox often gets short shrift in our thinking, and frankly most modern woodworkers don't need the sort of boxes our grandfathers had, but nothing displays pride in your trade quite as quickly as a beautiful tool box. And that's what we get here - loads of gorgeous tool box ideas. Starting with the (probable) first American toolbox, a sea chest brought over with the first settlers, we ascend to the glories of the 18th century cabinet makers like Chippendale, and then on into the modern era where all bets are off. Some are rough and capable for taking on real job sites, others are fine furniture and too nice to really use. But any woodworker worth his salt will find inspiration in this enough to build a proper house for his tools to live in.

I have purchased a number of woodworking books recently and this is certainly among my favorites. Packed full of great information and design considerations, fabrication and assembly methods, and of course PICTURES!!! It is truly amazing to see the level of craftsmanship in many of these projects and very inspirational. I love this book.

AWESOME!!! Fantastic inspiration! Great pictures, patterns, suggestions and lots of HOPE for any woodworker! The entire book is a work of art in itself! If you are a serious or beginner woodworker, even-- go for it! It will take your projects & inspiration to a new level!!!

If you are a serious woodworker you surely have heard of Jim Tolpin. He's a pro woodworker/teacher/author. He's very good at what he does. This is one of maybe a half-dozen books he's written, and it is fascinating. You will see many examples of toolboxes, tool chests, tool cabinets, and rolling carts. Aside from seeing some beautiful pieces well-crafted, you just might pick up some good tips and get inspired to build something for your shop. For example, he gives you step-by-step instructions to build the rolling tool cart he built for his own shop.

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