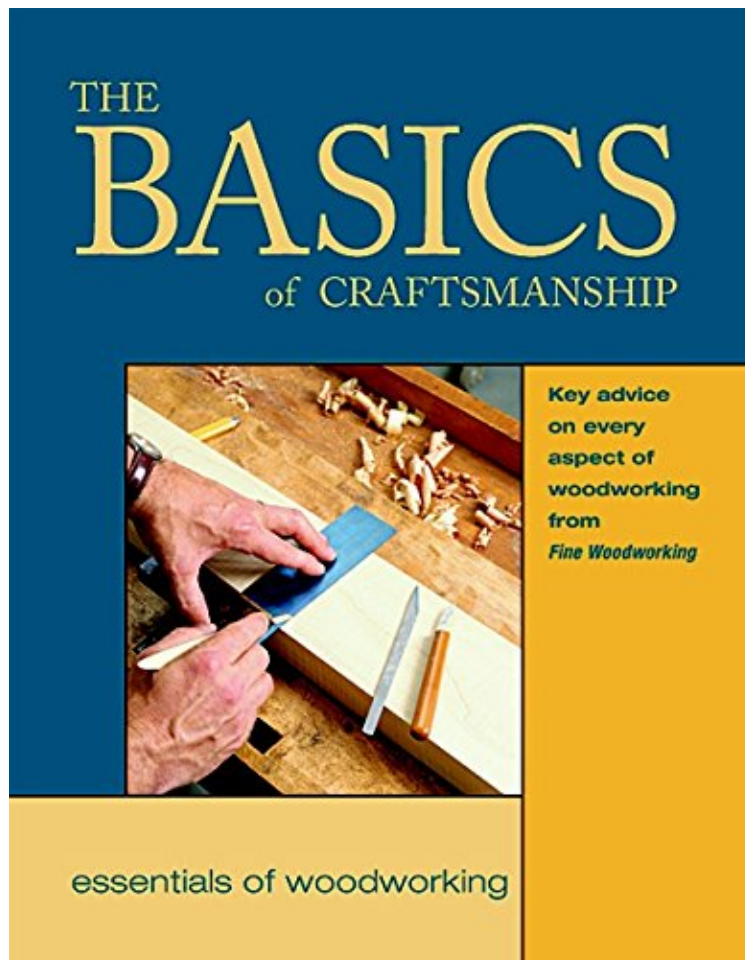


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Fine Woodworking has been publishing the best woodworking information for small shop woodworkers since 1975.