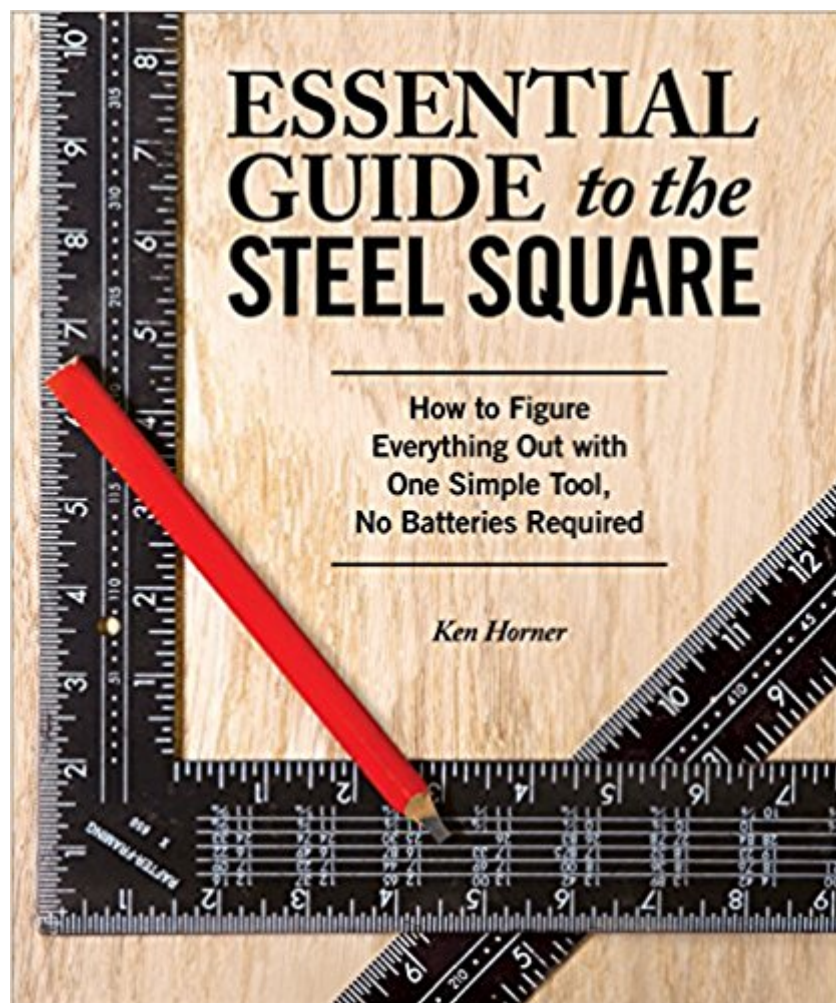




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# Essential Guide To The Steel Square: How To Figure Everything Out With One Simple Tool, No Batteries Required



## Synopsis

Every woodworker owns a steel square, but few know all they could do with it! A handy reference for any curious carpenter, woodworker, or serious do-it-yourselfer Unlock the secrets of the steel square, an indispensable time-honored hand tool This simple tool can quickly solve common construction problems involving angles, arcs, circles, & squares No batteries are required to answer geometry and layout questions for any project Contains practical advice, simple rules of thumb, and skill-building exercises Includes hundreds of clear illustrations and diagrams

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A valuable reference for woodworkers, carpenters and builders who want to learn how to use the steel square. --Wood Shop News

Essential Guide to the Steel Square Facts, Short-Cuts & Problem-Solving Secrets Unlock the Secrets of a Timeless Tool of the Trade For centuries, the steel square has been a mainstay in the toolbox of skilled craftsmen. In the hands of someone who knows how to use it, this simple tool can quickly solve countless construction and geometric problems involving angles, arcs, circles, and squares. Now, with the help the Essential Guide to the Steel Square and Ken Horner, author of the best-selling Woodworker's Essential Facts, Formulas, & Short-Cuts series, anyone can unlock the helpful secrets of this valuable, time-honored tool. With 17 chapters packed with hundreds of clear

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More than you'd ever think you'd need to know about the basics to advanced uses and functions of the seemingly simple framing square. Want to have some fun? Read the book then go into your local DIY center and ask the duty expert in the tool section if there is an instruction manual that comes with the framing square? You will likely get a blank stare and comments about how simple the thing is to use. Then ask him/her if they can explain how to determine the major and minor axis of an ellipse using the framing square, or simply how to determine brace length, or calculate board feet using the square? This book shows in simple, easy to follow and understand detail all that and much more. I even asked a professional framer if he knew what all the various scales were for, he didn't. He then bought the book for himself.

Ordered this by mistake and glad I did. It thoroughly covers the carpenter's square and speed squares in a clear and useful way. There is very little fluff. The math is simple and useable. I thought I knew how to use a square. Nope.

Fascinating. So many things I never knew, even after 40 years in the business.

lots of practical lessons and uses for the carpenter's square. keep some paper and plywood handy to follow up

An easy guide to using the steel to do much more than draw a straight line!

Excellent

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