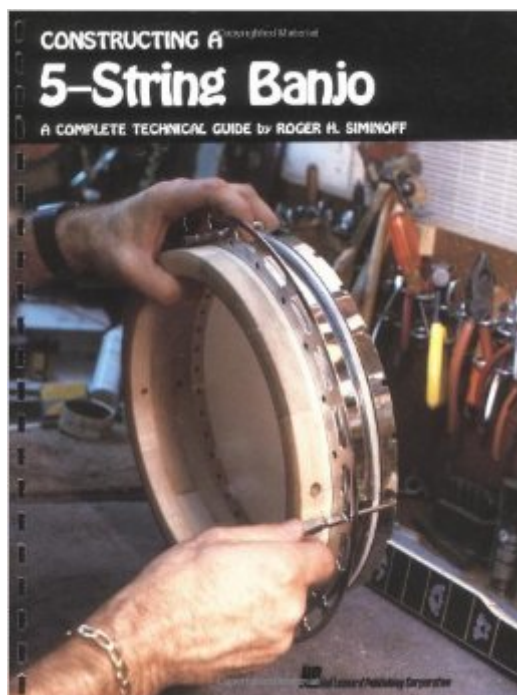


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Constructing A 5-String Banjo: A Complete Technical Guide



Synopsis

(Reference). Just as in his other book, *Constructing a Bluegrass Mandolin*, Roger's simple and concise step-by-step instructions show you the how and the why of it all, leading you on a path that blends discovery with pure joy. Over 200 photos and illustrations provide the kind of valuable reference no other book in the field can offer. Roger has used his technical knowledge on design, sound, and all of the important stages of construction that go into the building of a musical instrument, and has incorporated these ideas into one text. The end result is this valuable book of information that will help you to learn more about the makeup of a 5-string banjo, and more importantly, will give you the satisfaction and pride in being able to accomplish the building of a banjo that you can play and enjoy for years to come.

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Constructing a 5-String Banjo should be regarded as a technical reference primarily. It is not a mass-market, coffee-table, or even enthusiast book, though some of the last might be interested in the details. Nor is it really intended for a novice builder. You won't find the usual start-with-the-basics lists of tools required, materials to gather, and basic technique instruction. Nope - the author launches right into construction. He assumes a basic knowledge of tools and woodworking, and that you have certain tools (e.g., a bandsaw) though he does mention lesser alternatives here and there - anyone up for cutting a truss rod channel with a Dremel? Much detail is devoted to neck construction and rim layup alternatives. Binding and decorative finishing is also

well-covered, including inlay. Metal furniture get far less build attention (naturally). Pictures are ... OK. They work, but are a bit dark, at least in the Kindle edition. All pictures are B&W, except the cover. There could be more, but are adequate for the purpose. Fortunately, they have enough detail to zoom in sufficiently. This was a particular concern when buying the Kindle edition, as the sample includes no pictures! The included technical drawings at the back of the book are crystal clear. There are sufficient measurements to scale them to full-size drawings in the case of the rim. That is not true of the neck, unfortunately. Measurements there are confined to scale (25 1/2") and fret spacing. You would have to figure the rest out yourself - or have a copy/print shop zoom the drawing to EXACTLY the right size based on the scale. Same with the head.

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