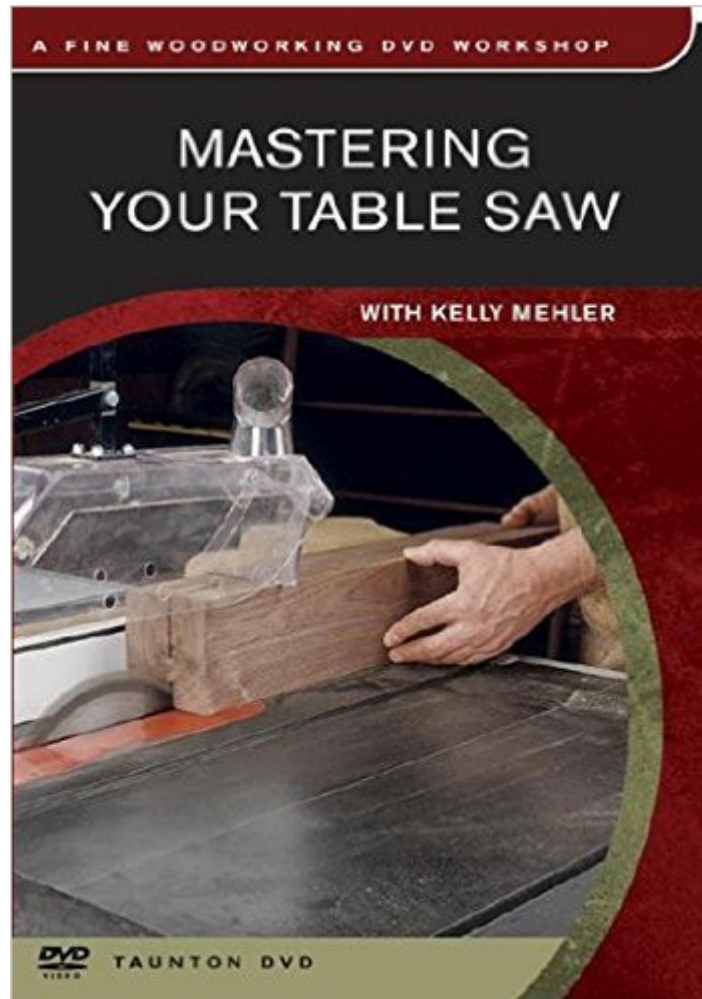


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# Mastering Your Table Saw: With Kelly Mehler



## Synopsis

Kelly Mehler, who makes some of the most beautiful furniture in America, shows you how to get the best out of this essential tool. In this video, Kelly teaches the differences between table saws. You'll discover how to choose the right one for your working style, set it up right the first time, and adjust it so that it runs safely and efficiently.

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This is a reasonably good introduction for a beginner or beginner-intermediate. Mehler briefly presents his great cabinet saw setup at the beginning - a setup that few of us will ever have - and then switches to a Delta Contractor saw for everything else in the video. At the time the video was made, that saw was one of the best and most popular amateur table saws around, so it is a good choice. His borrowed Delta saw is disassembled, and he gives an overview of assembly, which is useful for understanding how it works. He breezes over essential maintenance, enough to make you aware of it but not enough to teach you to do it. I think that is appropriate, because an in-depth treatment of maintenance would take at least the entire DVD, and may not apply to that many table saws. One thing that stood out for me was the alignment of blade to mitre slots, which involves loosening the trunion nuts, "both front and back". That's all he says about it. Unfortunately, loosening the front trunion nuts seems nearly impossible in an assembled saw, and there are no hints. Maybe in the companion book? From there he breezes through many common kinds of cuts -

ripping, crosscuts, rabbets and dadoes - and even the less uncommon cove cut. In each of these, he shows jigs or relevant techniques. Not enough info to build one in all cases, but that's what books and online resources are for. For rabbets, he deliberately sets it up incorrectly and, without warning, shows the resulting kickback. Then he explains why he did this and a better way of doing it without having a piece of wood thrown at you. I consider myself an intermediate woodworker. I have done most of the techniques he shows, but not always the same way.

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