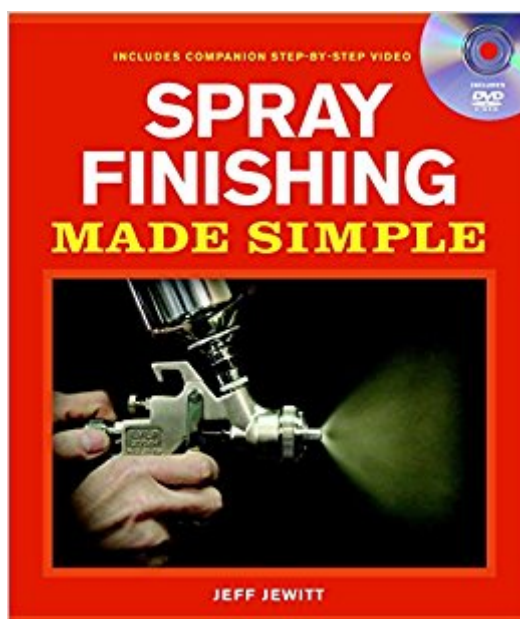


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# Spray Finishing Made Simple: A Book And Step-by-Step Companion DVD (Made Simple (Taunton Press))



## Synopsis

Woodworking finishes can make a good project great. Spray Finishing offers professional results far superior to brushing or other hand-applied methods. Now that home woodworkers have access to the specialized tools and finishing products that were once used only by professional finishers, all they need is direction. Enter Jeff Jewitt, a well-known authority on finishing who combines his vast knowledge of the subject with the latest technology to produce this integrated eBook and video combination, the first in Taunton's 'Woodworking Made Simple' series. Jewitt explains how to choose equipment and demystifies the spray-finishing process. Through this unique multimedia approach, which includes detailed step-by-step instructions, photos, and how-to video, readers learn where to safely spray finishes and how to troubleshoot and solve spray-finishing problems. Both the book and DVD cover a variety of spray systems, solvents, and waterborne finishing products.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Jeff Jewitt has written four Taunton Press books on finishing, including Hand Applied Finishes, Great Wood Finishes and The Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing. He has appeared in two award-winning finishing videos. Jewitt runs a finishing and wood finishing supply business (Homestead Finishing Products) in Cleveland, Ohio.

I'm brand new to spraying, and this book was exactly what I needed. Jewitt gave clear advice on spray equipment (I just bought a highly-rated 3-stage HVLP system - Fuji 2903-T70 Mini-Mite 3 PLATINUM - T70 HVLP Spray System) and detailed instructions how to set up the necessary spray gun adjustments and then to perform various finishing tasks. Clear, well-written, enjoyable (I read the whole book cover-to-cover the day it arrived), well worth every penny. Would repeat the purchase without question, gladly recommend to others.

This DVD and book rank way up on the list of my many books on finishing. Personally, I wouldn't consider it a reference for finishing. However, an excellent source for those who have simply never sprayed before or who like me, don't spray the same material day to day and need a quick refresher course from time to time. The book and the DVD go into just enough detail on gun types and spray systems (turbine/compressor), how to thin and spray, as well as the general N/N (needle/nozzle) setups for each of the 5 likely products a woodworker would run into; solvent, waterborne, dyes, stains and enamels (paint). The book goes into how to set up and construct a temporary spray booth for both solvent and waterborne. Clean up, safety and environmental concerns are not an over thought but shown in a responsible yet reasonable manner. The DVD is well thought out and scripted with decent sound, NOT too dull, matching the book in content and shows the basic techniques for spraying. I did think the author could have mentioned one problem that I had...matching your fluid delivery with the speed in which you spray. Though I guess Jeff demonstrates proper speed in the DVD by example. It should be noted that conventional spray guns and pots, as well as exploiting the benefits of different solvents are not covered. Both are advanced topics that the amateur probably doesn't run into anyhow. To be totally critical I do have an issue with the title. As most "made easy" books fall into two categories "Made easy if you have a ton of money/skill etc" or "Made easy if you really don't care your project looks like crap." This book doesn't fall into either category. Overall great buy, highly recommended.

4 1/2 stars almost perfect. I bought this book for my brother so I had to look at it. Generally excellent and I got a good tip to spray vertical surfaces from the top not the bottom. Works much better as you can blend in any drips or runs as you spray. I had always been taught to spray bottom up. I didn't look at the DVD but my brother liked it a lot. Why not 5 stars? A couple minor picky nits. Water may be a thinner for waterborne or not! Waterbornes are complex emulsions like oil and vinegar dressing. Adding too much water may have two adverse effects; first it can cause the emulsion to

separate, second it isn't a thinner for the finish carried by the water. In the later case as the water evaporates the droplets of finish that it carries may not mix correctly to make a finish. In either case you are out a can of very expensive finish and possibly have a nasty cleanup ahead of you. Another nit is that he gives shellac rather short shrift and as a result gives confusing instructions. He seems to assume that everyone will pretty much use Zinster premixed when most folks mix their own. Not horrid but misleading and a bit incomplete. This is not a definitive work on all spray finishes; but it does a excellent job of covering all those likely to be encountered in wood working. Overall, while it will not teach the experienced finisher much it is a great book for the occasional or beginner sprayer and a nice reference for unfamiliar finishes.

I am new to spray finishing and found this book to be an excellent resource for getting started without a lot of frustration. The author is a professional and gives great advice, don't worry that this is an entry-level-only kind of book, it does not dumb things down too much, and is still easily understood. He covers every common question you would have and addresses troubleshooting at the end. Surprisingly, I actually found the video to be really useful. Usually videos with these kinds of things are marginally helpful at best, this one included some stuff you really want to see if you are trying to learn: clear footage that visibly shows a spray pattern as he adjusts the gun, good vs. bad spray movement technique etc. More than anything else, the video showed his demeanor and how casual he is about a lot of things I was overly worried about, and how he takes some stuff I hadn't thought of very seriously. I won't be so worried about cleaning certain parts of the gun, and will be more careful about how I hold it over the work, for example. Finally, this guy is a finishing guru in the woodworking community, yet he is spraying in a very simply arranged area in what is presumably his personal shop. You could set up his finishing area for literally a couple hundred bucks. No special lighting, no massive filtration systems. Just a swivel table, a decent fan and some tarps hung off the ceiling. When you see it you'll realize that you can do pro-grade work with a lot less than people would have you believe.

Would highly recommend for any beginner or as a reference to freshen up your mind in case you only spray occasionally. The DVD and book combo is great as they complement each other perfectly. Some things are better said on paper, others on video, or a combination of both.

The book is written well, and I liked the video, but the author should have included something about thinning different finishes for spraying. He barely touches the subject, where recommendations on

each finish should have been included, (type of thinner, and drip rate for each), including the use of the viscosity cup. If you are looking for this, not much is included.

Very good. Text, images, gear, projects, all helped the instructional value exceed its price.

great book, excellent information for me...the novice.

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