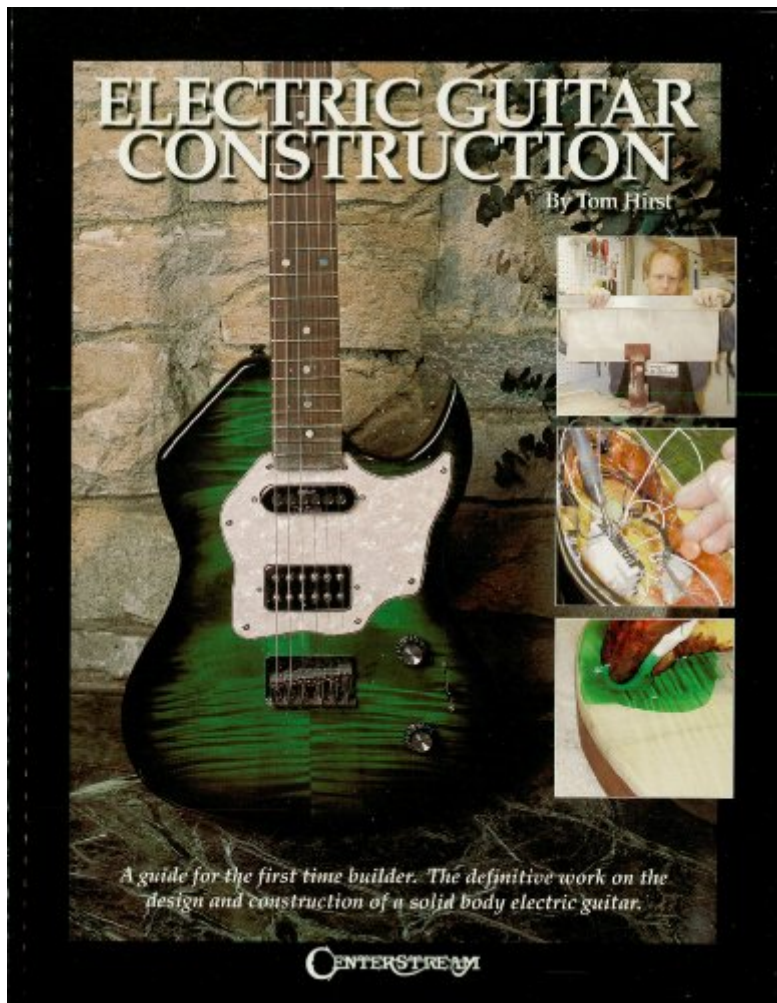


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# Electric Guitar Construction: A Guide For The First-Time Builder



## Synopsis

(Guitar). Q.: What on earth would make someone want to build an electric guitar from scratch? Can't you just buy one cheaper? A.: Well sure, but with this definitive book on the subject as your guide, you can create your own axe masterpiece, with the precise finish, the exact pickups, and the custom hardware you've always wanted. Plus, you'll have the indescribable satisfaction of knowing you created something cool out of nothing. And that sure beats buying off the rack! Organized logically from start to finish, this helpful guide will assist you every step of the way; from the design and planning stage to the final setup, each step in the process is written about in abundant detail, with hundreds of photographs, and special full-color sections on wood selection and finishing. Also includes a glossary of terms, an index of materials suppliers, and much more!

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This book is a glossy well illustrated guide to building an electric guitar. It has lots of wonderful tips and great pictures of guitar making. The book has terrific information on tone woods, pickups, and guitar wiring. The one criticism I have of this book is that it reads in parts like a commercial for

STEWMAC I agree that they are great suppliers of guitar parts and and and all the tools anyone would ever need to build a guitar. Does the author really have to appear wearing one of their branded aprons. Do yourself a favour buy the Melvyn Hiscock book it is a little more comprehensive and is written with a bit of humour and style.

This book certainly is useful for an aspiring luthier to have on one's bookshelf as it walks one through building a solid body guitar. I'd recommend buying a discounted or used copy though, since other books in a comparable price range tend to give more information. The price probably has to do more with being a Hal Leonard book with glossy cover and color photography, then being a comprehensive guitar building grimoire. Martin Koch's book may be a better buy though the difficulty curve may be a bit higher. However to Hirst's credit, his book is geared toward the aspiring luthier with limited woodworking experience.

There is a lot of value in this book for complete beginners (such as me) who want to start from scratch but don't know where to begin. This is also a product for people who have started but now are wanting to know the 'why is this so?' I think as an overview it is great. If you want specific knowledge beyond this then you would be beyond what a book could teach you anyway. Highly recommended.

Tom Hirst has a very good book on guitar instruction and finishing. If you are building a guitar for the first time, this is a great way to get started. I also recommend getting Oakham's book Building Your Own Electric Guitar. Why do I recommend getting 2 books? Well I am an avid woodworker and turner (lathe). I found in my experience that it is good to have complimentary references and these are great ones to have. If you don't have the money to buy both, start with Oakham's first and then get this one.

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