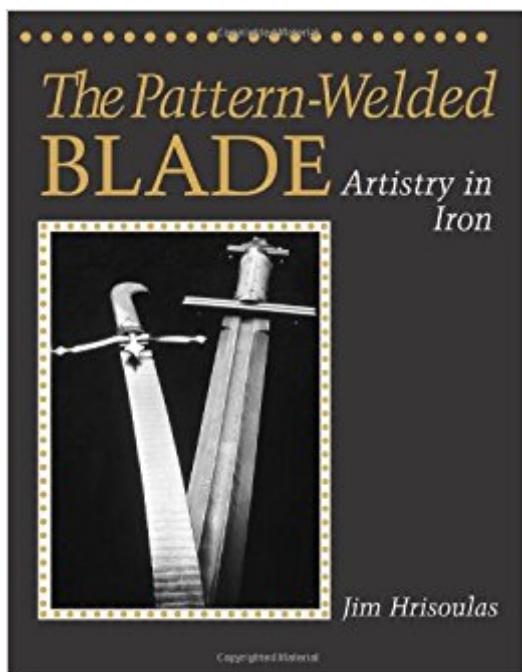


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# The Pattern-Welded Blade: Artistry In Iron



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Pattern-welded blades are among the most beautiful and durable creations to emerge from the bladesmith's forge. Now, Jim Hrisoulas, author of *The Complete Bladesmith*, reveals the secrets of this ancient craft, from the welding of the starting billet to final assembly of the completed blade. Learn basic patterns and stunning, complex designs.

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This book is not intended for a novice at forge work. But if you have already hammered hot steel, and want to try something more challenging this book gives you all the information you will ever need about making forge welded blades. This book is an absolute must have for anyone who wants to start making patterned blades. The third of Dr. Hrisoulas' books, buy the other two as well (although if you're experienced enough to want this book, you've probably already got the others) and you won't need to ever buy another book on blade forging again. Buy this book. Buy it right now.

If you've read the author's previous books you will find some repetition (e.g., workshop, materials, weights, measures, compounds) yet this book really delves in-depth into the art of pattern-welding like no other I've read. It's his shortest book too, for that matter, but it really delivers on topic. You will learn everything you need to know to begin making stunning, functional Damascus creations. Well written, well illustrated, and very well done!Lawrence KaneAuthor of *Surviving Armed Assaults*,

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Great Book on Blade smithing & Pattern welded damascus. Smooth Transaction. Well packaged. Fast shipping. Great seller. Lot's of info. Love the book.

The words in the title of my review are the emotive reactions to this book by Jim. I would love to be able to create such practical useful works of art in the forge. Forget the mystic BS you read about ancient weapons - this book shows you what is real, and what magic can be woven into forged steel, the true beauty and appeal of handforged tools. I seriously doubt you will be able to chop M1 tanks in half with any of these blades, but you will be able to understand and appreciate the appeal, value and worth of the weapons which have generated the hyped stories you sometimes hear.

Even though the contents seem to deliver the message by this master bladesmith, the edition of the book, it's designs and images in black & white that lack contrast, left me unsatisfied. Maybe a next edition could manage to overcome this. Great book!

This book offers many valuable insights for a more experienced bladesmith trying to expand their skills. Definitely not for beginners. The pictures are good but mostly black and white. Worth the money and a good reference you'll turn to often.

the book gives concise information on all aspects of the pattern welded blade. A great how to on billet building, forging the pattern, and completing to finished blade.

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