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- Over 500 pages of text, with more than 1600 pictures and diagrams to thoroughly and completely explain more than 200 guitar making topics.
- How to use small shop tools to re-saw blanks for guitar making instead of buying them, saving money and expanding wood choice.
- Instructions for almost 50 tools, templates, and jigs that can be made right in the shop, saving thousands of dollars in tool costs. These include an electric side bending iron, fret slot duplicating jig, four different types of clamps, an inexpensive hide glue pot, and more.
- An explanation of the use and abilities of several common shop tools, including several specialty tools that are specific to guitar making.
- A detailed section on guitar making theory, which will expand the understanding of how a guitar works, and how small changes to the structure can have big effects on tone.
- Several step by step guitar making methods that make some of the more difficult processes easier and smoother in the shop.
- How to make inlaying easier by using a few common shop tools, and how to make several different styles of custom inlay.
- Step by step instructions for making a custom soundhole label using a powerful free program called Pixlr, to add the final touch to any guitar.
- A thorough finishing section that teaches anyone how to apply an amazing finish without having to buy expensive spray equipment.
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