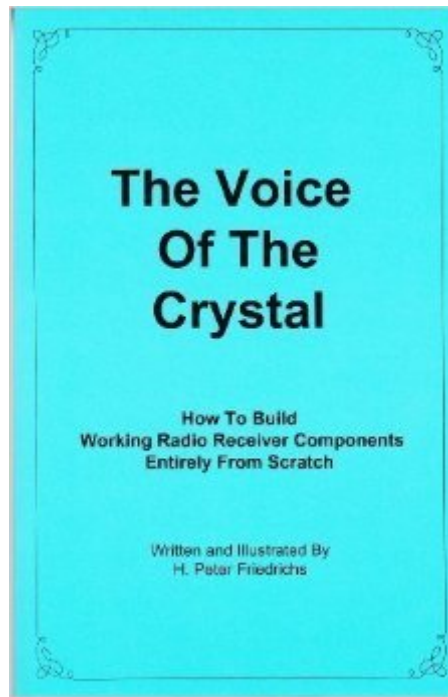


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# The Voice Of The Crystal



## Synopsis

Chapters include the gallows headphone, the tin can headphone, the cigarette lighter headphone, the boom detector, the paper tube condenser, practical variable condensers, the roofing metal condenser, the crank coil, thoughts on simple tuners, thoughts on antennas and grounds, and much more.

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An amazing book! A real gem to own for anyone interested in understanding or building a radio from

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If you are interested in crystal radio or even just amateur radio in general I would suggest it. Also, I strongly suggest getting the companion book "Instruments of Amplification" by Friedrichs.

Great little book. Friedrichs is an inspiring experimenter and very good at explaining concepts. He helps you build components from junk and inspires to go beyond his examples. I posted the table of contents in photos.

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