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# **Carpentry For Children**





SIMPLE STEP-BY-STEP PLANS FOR GREAT DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECTS

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## Synopsis

A step-by-step guide to carrying out such carpentry projects as a birdhouse, candle chandelier, doll cradle, puppet theater, and coaster car. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book offers projects for a range of skill levels, from simple toys on up through a lemonade stand cut from a whole sheet of plywood. Different projects suit different levels of skill and strength - cutting some of those pieces with a hand saw will take a while. There's a lot to like here. It starts with an introduction to basic hand tools, including short lessons on using each one. The list includes a brace and bit, the classic hand drill (not the egg-beater kind). I agree completely with this 1985 book in recommending that to a kid but, since this book came out, it verges on extinction as cordless drills encroach on its former habitat. This book distinguishes itself in offering kids larger-scale projects than other books, starting with the very first: the workbench on which the rest will be made. Perhaps the floating toys represent the range best. A little wooden tugboat, suitable as a bathtub toy, lies at the small end of the scale. At the other end, a real raft (holds one or two kids) requires several five-foot logs, eight inches in diameter. Other projects, including a few with girl appeal, lie between those extremes. Walker makes sure there's fun in the finished work, too, not just in the making. An easel, a puppet theater, and a gravity race car all promise years of fun (and maybe a few good healthy bruises). Although the scale of some projects might be a bit much for smaller carpenters and living spaces, the range offers something for many skill levels, and offers the beginner a lot to

look forward to. Not every project will work for every kid, but it looks like a lot of fun.-- wiredweird

I bought this book for my nephew for Christmas. He is a budding carpenter and this is perfect for his skill level. The beginning of the book teaches about tools and techniques. The second half has loads of easy projects broken down step by step. He is in builder Heaven!

I have thoroughly enjoyed using this book to make projects with my kids. My knowledge of using tools was pretty much limited to being able to hammer a nail into the wall to hang a picture. Actually building something seemed very complicated and reserved for people who were not me. My attitude has completely changed now thanks to this book. The instructions are described in a clear simple way; the tools needed, how to use the tools, everything is outlined for the reader. My children understood everything they were doing. I understood everything I was supervising them doing! "Carpentry for Children" has brought a love for carpentry into my family, given us many fond memories and helped us build fun projects!

I really like that I can just put this book out on the tool bench and let my kids go for it, it is so easy to understand and the projects are fun and absolute must for every boy/ or girl from the age of 8.

Carpentry for Children, by Les Walker is an incredible book with enlightening and challenging projects that will delight children for hours upon hours

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