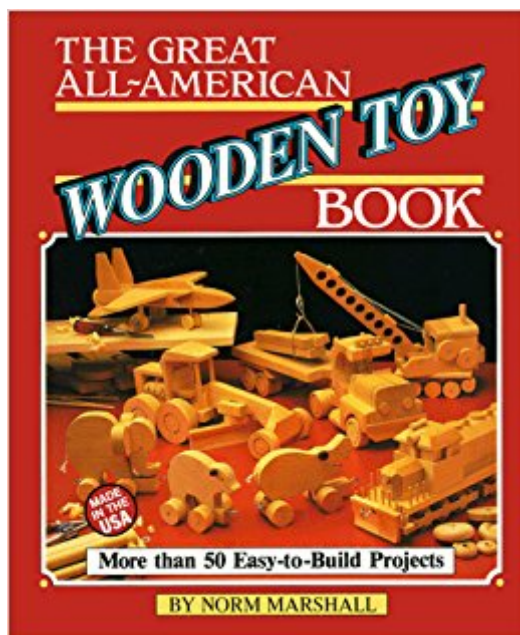


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Great All-American Wooden Toybook (Reader's Digest Woodworking)



Synopsis

Build any one of 50 top-quality toys with the help of exploded diagrams, photos, material lists and detailed step-by-step instructions.

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Customer Reviews

These three dozen wooden toy projects reflect the late Norman Marshall's naval aviation and engineering background and include airplanes, autos, trains and construction vehicles such as a bulldozer, crane, and steamroller. The designs are not true-to-detail models, but use the bulk qualities of wood in simple ways to give child-appealing stylized versions of the Model T, F-16, "Santa Fe," etc. Drawings, directions, and materials lists are most adequate for the toys, which measure about a foot in size. While hand tools can be used to make many of the toys, the directions are for power tools, with a bandsaw being quite useful. A brief introduction covers wood, wheels, mass production, gluing, etc. Recommended to crafts collections. W.T. Johnston, Coastal Plain Regional Lib., Tifton, Ga. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

great book I making toys for my great nieces and nephews.

First of all, I generally like this book and have made several toys shown in the book. However, I feel

that it would be beneficial for anyone interested in buying this book to be aware of the following facts:

1. To make the boiler for a train called The General, the author indicates that you glue up three pieces of 3/4" stock and turn it on a lathe to the specifications shown. I can't think of any way to make that boiler without a lathe.
2. For the same project, the author indicates that you need a band saw or scroll saw to cut notches in a piece of wood for one of the parts. Also, I can't think of any way to cut windows in the middle of a piece of wood without a scroll saw.
3. Here's a procedure that might challenge a novice or beginning woodworker: To make the cowcatcher for the train, tilt the band saw table to 30 degrees, and set the miter gauge at 30 degrees to make the cut.
4. Another train called Santa Fe requires a total of 12 wheels, 6 on each side. That means that the 12 axle holes all have to be aligned perfectly, or some wheels will be higher or lower than others. If you are really good at drilling perfectly straight holes that are perfectly aligned with a hand held drill I commend you. It's not even that easy with a drill press.
5. I would estimate that more than 60% of the parts are made from 3/8" stock. If you have a band saw capable of re sawing 3/4" stock then there's no problem. But you can't buy 3/8" pine at your local Home Depot. In fact, it's hard to find 3/8" hardwood at Home Depot. It's difficult for me to justify buying 3/8" piece of hardwood just to make the bed for a trailer or train car. You can use MDF for some of the non-3/4" parts, but if the toy is left out in the rain for any length of time the MDF tends to deteriorate.
6. For two of the support pieces for a train, the author indicates to use a 2" and 1-1/2" hole saw to make the circular cutouts and then cut the supports to length and width with a band saw or scroll saw. Sounds simple, but I personally find that using a hole saw is not a fast and easy procedure. Again, if you can use a 2" hole saw chucked to your had held drill to make those cuts I commend you.

As mentioned, I really like many of the toys in this book. As long as you have the necessary tools (band saw, scroll saw, hole saw, lathe, and drill press) and can either find 3/8" stock or re saw other stock on your band saw, or maybe table saw, you will then be able to make all of the projects in the book. Just be prepared.

Got this for this for a friend and he loved it

awesome. good details

This book was as I expected in that I had a copy for over 15 years and made a number of trucks both from plans and my own modifications to create truck configurations not in the book. The grand kids grew up and I gave the book away and not the great grand kids need Christmas presents and

so we have started the cycle over.

Easy to use. Good condition as promised. Will order from them again.

I've looked through several wood toy books. These toys can be made with a minimum woodworking skill. This book was purchased by a grandpaw wanting to provide a unique gift for several children. The plans are designed to provide an economical choice or somewhat heirloom quality depending on wood choice. The toys are large enough to provide a durable toy for children to play with. The wheels can be purchased online @ places like Casey's wood products they are more realistic w/tire treads in the wheels. They aren't "TONKAS" but they can be hand made with love! JP.

Great book for Grandpas with tools. I'll be making some things from this old book within the year.

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