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Black & Decker The Complete Guide: Build Your Kids A Treehouse (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



Synopsis

Treehouses Anyone Can Build! This is a basic yet complete presentation of how to plan, design, and build a safe, fun treehouse structure for children. The book begins with an inspirational chapter showing the many treehouse variations that are possible. Next, a chapter on basic techniques shows how the essential treehouse platform can be built and secured in any tree configuration-nestled high among the branches or designed so the trunk passes up through the center, and every variation in-between. Then, separate chapters show the techniques for adding walls, roofs, ladders, access hatches and accessories. The final chapter of the book gives complete plans for the treehouses, from the very simple to the surprisingly sophisticated.

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Customer Reviews

Help your kids explore their imaginations with a well-built tree house. Schmidt (Decorating with Architectural Details) presents a well-organized guide to the basics of tree house building. Good photos and clear, detailed instructions lead readers through six designs. There is an informative section on what species of tree is best to "host" your structure as well as cautionary information on building codes and zoning. This is a solid book, but it lacks the flare and spirit of David and Jeanie Stiles's *Treehouses & Playhouses You Can Build*. Still, Schmidt provides great instruction and a solid foundation. Recommended. - Library Journal March 1, 2007

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I am a person who actually built a tree house by using this book as the main source of information (our tree house looks somewhat like the one on the cover, but with a larger deck and a different roof configuration). The book's approach is to teach you how to build a lightweight shed with an unusual "foundation" design in as few pages as possible. They first explain how to choose the right tree. There is plenty of good advice on how to design and build the platform, which is by far the most important part any tree house. I built mine a little sturdier than they recommended with additional bracing support for the beams and platform corners reinforced with thick steel rods. I followed their advice on framing the walls and roof support, which worked out very well. I had to buy another book on shed construction for more ideas about siding, trim, doors, windows, and roofs - this book is a little sparse in those areas. For example, they don't tell you how to build metal roofs, which usually require installing a deck first, so they don't talk about that either. There is a plan section in the back with six or seven different designs complete with the lists of materials. I would not use the book as an instruction manual - use your creativity and improvise on their basic designs. The book assumes you have at least some building skills and understanding of structural mechanics (otherwise you should not be doing it yourself, even out of safety concerns). This book will not have all the solutions to the problems you might encounter, so expect your problem solving skills to be tested.

After researching how to build a treehouse, this one is the most useful to me. Although I was not able to use the specific plans listed due to my space/tree limitations, I incorporated so many of the design principles. Not done yet, but thank you. I am working on the trap door now!

This book gives some good ideas and basic treehouse construction information. I saw what looked

like the same book at Lowes, but it's an updated version with more plans for doors, windows, etc. I would recommend getting the updated version of the book instead of this one.

My ten year old grandson told me one day while visiting that a tree in our backyard would be "perfect for a treehouse. You should build one." Well I am an interactive grandmother and I jumped at the opportunity to make this a family fun project. So we started making plans which included going on line to find a 'simple' treehouse design plan. Yicks! Then a trip to the book store for a 'simple' design. Frustration. Last resort the tried and true library. Success! Found B&D Treehouse and immediately came home and ordered it. The great thing about the book is that my all my grandchildren can pick some part of design from any treehouse and we will then 'design' our personal treehouse and each grand will be able to have their special input design as part of the project.

I bought this book because my inlaws are planning to build a tree house on their property for the grandkids. Got some gift cards from so I figured I would brush up on what it took to build a decent treehouse. I have worked in the construction trades on and off over the years, and I build all the outbuilding on my own property; but this book had a lot of ideas , tips and plans that would come in handy once we begin building. I did not know that the base should 'float' on the tree so as to not rub off the bark and weaken the tree to disease? Going to pass this book onto my father-in-law so he can read it too.

This was the exact type of information I was seeking out before starting on a treehouse for our kids. We needed to know a few key elements in building and planning. Since trees grow in all sorts of shapes, widths and sizes- I needed to know how to plan for the basics in safety and building as we build organically as we go along. This book had great tips and included plans for tree houses and where to start. I liked how it always kept safety aspects in mind because this was the biggest concern when we started discussing our treehouse.

This book has helped my husband step by step build a massive and cool tree house! He's not a natural handy man in many ways and the tree house wouldn't have happened with out this book!

Book is just what I was looking for to help me design and build a treehouse for my grandsons. Good details and simple instructions on how to do different kinds of tree houses that will be same for

them. Recommend it as a good book to help you get started.

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