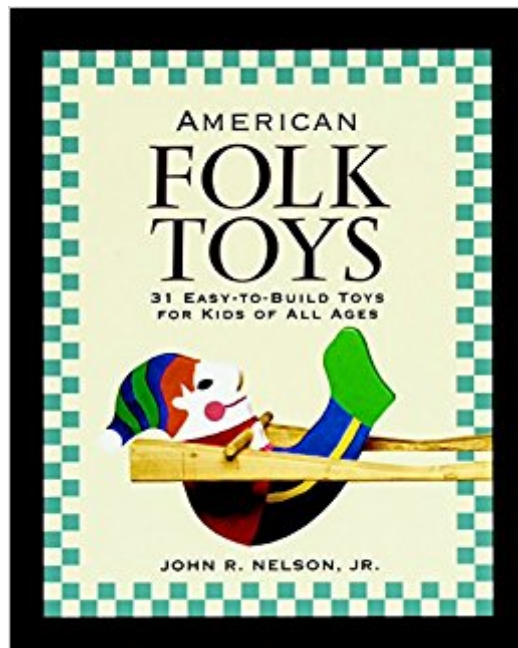




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American Folk Toys: Easy-to-Build Toys For Kids Of All Ages



Synopsis

Folk toys, with their simple, rustic charm and virtual indestructibility, have been fascinating children and adults alike for almost two centuries. They are uncomplicated, yet often ingenious in design and operation. Best of all, making them requires only basic woodworking skills and a desire to create lasting treasures. In *American Folk Toys*, author John R. Nelson, Jr. takes the reader back to a simpler time when low-tech, one-of-a-kind craftsmanship was the norm. In it, readers will learn to make folk toys using the same hand tools yesterday's toy makers used over 150 years ago. This charming book:-- Makes an ideal gift for woodworkers, history buffs, toy collectors and anyone interested in starting a folk toy business.-- Offers over 30 toy projects with detailed instructions including a Carousel, Climbing Bear, Sailboat, Checkers, Doll House and more.-- Gives historically accurate and fascinating information about each toy.-- Covers materials and tools, painting, staining and varnishing.

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Customer Reviews

John R. Nelson Jr. is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including *American Folk Toys*.

High quality book: paper and photographs were excellent. Instructions easy to follow. Had many of the toys I was looking for and few new intriguing ones.

Useful but requires some interpolation. Also, the patterns are usually reduced in scale, with

instructions to blow up to a larger scale (65% reduction, 154% blow up) which is challenging if you don't have a photocopier with magnification, a serigraph, or little skills in free drawing it. I traced onto graph paper and used that as a reference to draw it larger. My granddaughter loves the carousel and wil-o-th-wisp.

great product! Great service!

Very interesting book with great stories and history of toys and old cultures attitudes regarding both childhood and toys. Also design info to make your own.

A lot of good toys to make for and with your grandkids

My grandfather finished making the rocking horse from this book last week - he had checked the book out from the library. My 15 month old son loves his white horse! I looked through the book and saw many other toys that I know my son will like, so I'm going to order it.

Gave this to Dad. He likes making toys and he loves this book. My little nephew looked trough the book and picked a dozen toys he wanted "Grandp" to build.

very good

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