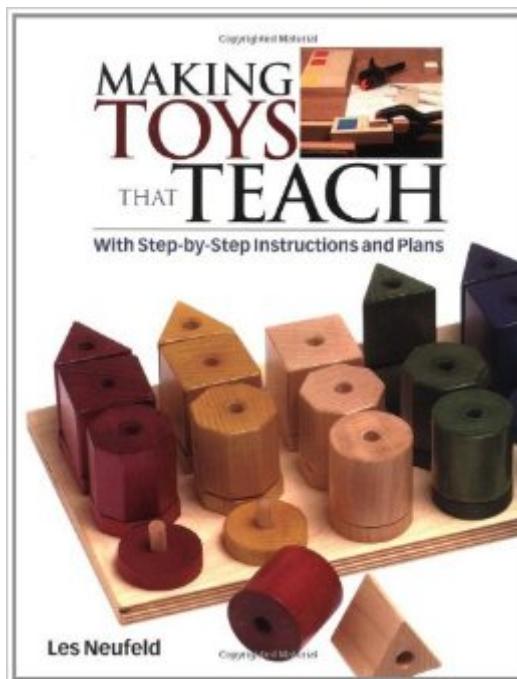


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Making Toys That Teach: With Step-by-Step Instructions And Plans



Synopsis

The difference between a good toy and great one is the ability to entertain--and instruct--a child at the same time. The author, a woodworker with a graduate degree in Curriculum and Instructional Materials, combines his skills to show parents which toys are most effective for early childhood education, and then he gives them all the information they need to build those toys themselves. Nine fun projects--from Pattern Blocks and Dominos to a Puzzle Train--will get little ones learning--without them even realizing it!

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Customer Reviews

This is just the book I was hoping to find. The projects are fun to make and fun to play with. I was especially hoping to find plans for some unit building blocks for my grandkids for Christmas, and I just finished making the set from this book. I couldn't keep my wife away from them; she kept playing with them before they were finished! The plans are very detailed and easy to understand. The equipment needed is usually pretty basic, and there's a list of all the tools needed for each project. I'm anxious to get to work on some more of the toys. I don't hesitate to fully recommend this book.

An excellent book with projects that are above the elementary level. Toys that provide continual challenge as the child develops. I have built the block set, a long-time favorite of my grandchildren despite their many "modern" electronic toys, and the train. Caution: Be sure to double-check the dimensional drawings. There are several errors in the train drawings.

Neufeld presents a set of children's toys of extremely high quality that are fun to build. And, my grandkids play with them for hours. I believe the book describes how to make heirlooms. I highly recommend this for any woodworker.

I found this book by chance and was smitten. I love woodworking and we have 2 small grandsons. We have just completed the blocks project and yes it did take time, but that was the most expensive item. We had enough scrap (!) to complete them all. Mr Neufeld recommends Varnish Oil, but I used Howards Butchers Block Conditioner, also available from . It is completely non toxic and great to apply, softens hands nicely. I think our boys will love them. Their father has architectural training and there may be competition for the blocks. Great book. Highly recommended if you like working with wood. I also made the domino tiles a few years ago and they were a great success.

So far, "grandpa" has made two toys from this book, with more to come. The square stacking rings are fantastic, as is the shape sorting box with the hinged lid. We are absolutely thrilled with the book and the toys it makes. Our goal as a family is to provide as many "real" toys as possible, and to minimize the use of the electronic pseudo-educational garbage that is often available.

I purchased this book as a gift for my husband. We are expecting our first child soon and the toys in the book are wonderful! Most of the projects are simple and easy to understand and include wonderful color pictures. Also, unlike some books we have purchased the tools needed are pretty standard. The projects don't seem to take up large amounts of time or materials. Would highly recommend!

This Book is a great guide to making children's toys. The toys are simple and elegant. Great illustrations and directions.

One of the best books in my collection. Les is an incredible thinker and woodworker.

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