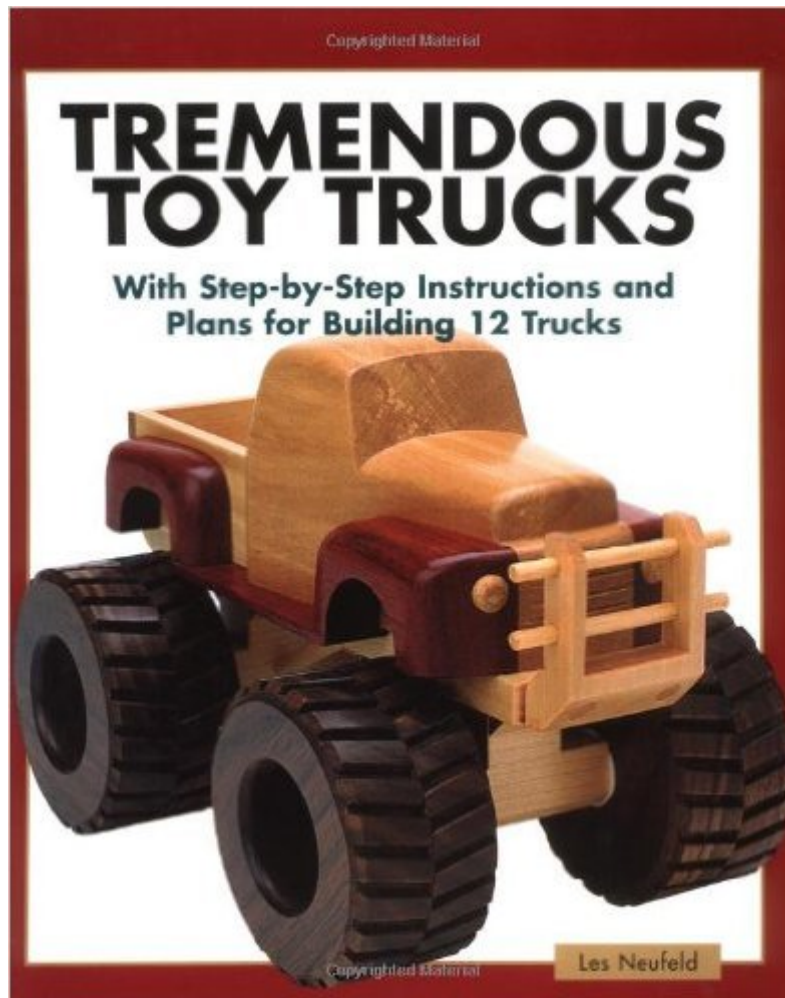


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Tremendous Toy Trucks



Synopsis

Simple, functional...and just plain fun: that describes the 12 projects in this collection of classic wood toys. The projects featured here include dump trucks, a tow truck, a flatbed, a semi, a cement truck, logging trucks...you name it. There's a project for every woodworker -- and hours of imaginative play for the lucky kids who will get the trucks once they're made.-- Designs are varied and durable enough for kids who play hard.-- Includes more than 300 photos and illustrations.-- Projects have working parts -- from winches to rolling wheels.

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Customer Reviews

This is an absolute OUTSTANDING book! I'm a home woodworker with a very small shop. I don't have a great number of tools but the great thing about this book is that you don't need many. (Although I did go out and buy a table top bandsaw to simplify a few of the operations)The plans in this book are very easy to follow and the results are incredible. I've only made one of the trucks, but it turned out great. I spent a few hours for two or three weekends and I just can't say enough about this book.The author suggests using hardwoods, but I've had some difficulties finding a place to get them. My truck was made mostly with scraps that I had laying about my shop and you would never know. If you like small projects, these make perfect gifts as toys, or as models. I'm also certain that there is a market for the trucks as I've been asked to make several already.

I'VE BUILT 7 OF THE 12 TRUCKS AND THEY ARE FANTASTIC. I PLAN ON DOING 11. PLANS

ARE VERY DETAILED AND EASY TO FOLLOW. THERE IS SUPRISINGLY FEW ERRORS FOR THIS TYPE OF BOOK CONSIDERING THE NUMEROUS MEASUREMENTS ETC..IT DOES TAKE A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME FOR EACH BUT THE RESULTS ARE VERY SATISFYING. YOU WILL NEED AT MINIMUM A BAND SAW, DRILL PRESS AND COMBINATION BELT/DISC SANDER WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FOR UNDER A HUNDRED DOLLARS. I HAVE NO HESITATION IN GIVING THIS 5 STARS!!!!

An easy to use, well documented series of innovative life-like wheeled toys that can all be made with a basic set of woodworking tools and limited woodworking equipment - Drill Press, Disc/Belt Sander and Bandsaw.Excellent advice on sourcing off-cuts of highly coloured timber to create the effect of tyres, headlights, fuel tanks etc.If you have a wood lathe many of the wheels and fuel tanks can be turned to add to the enjoyment of making these TOYS - not models.Highly recommended to all woodworkers as the ideas presented in this book can be applied to all fields of woodworking.Without question this book should be in every woodworker's library.Paul

I have only been woodworking for about a year, but I have already built about half the trucks in this book. They are not only fun to build, but not too difficult. Every kid I've shown them too has gone nuts over them! I can't recommend this book enough as a great learning tool for the entry level woodworker. It's a great confidence builder.

I made 3 dump trucks and 3 flat bed trucks for my 6 nephews (3 pairs of brothers) this past Christmas. I'm rather new to woodworking, but these trucks turned out fantastic. One thing I liked about these plans is that three of the trucks shared quite a few common parts. The flat bed truck, the dump truck, and the tow truck all have the same cab, fenders, bumpers, exhaust pipes, and stairs. Their chassis are all very similar but slightly different dimensions. This was very helpful for making multiple trucks at the same time. I felt that the directions, pictures, and tips were superb.The book calls for buying wheels for the trucks. Since my 6 trucks required a total of 60 wheels, I went ahead and bought a wheel/hole cutter for the drill press. I found mine at Lee Valley, but I'm sure they sell them in . The radius is adjustable and leaves a pilot hole which worked fine for an axle hole. I made my wheels out of pine. I rounded the edges and inset a wheel well with a forstner bit. In the hole where the dowel axle was inserted, I plugged the ends with furniture buttons. It took a little extra time and didn't save too much money, but I thought it looked really nice.Oh yeah, the boys loved the trucks. Everyone was surprised that I could make something so nice. I have to give credit

to a very well put together book.

The author does a good job of explaining how to build the projects. He uses the same base parts for several projects, so once you master making them for one project, they carry over to the next project. You can also mix and match parts from different projects, or choose different woods, to make the project you own. I am having a lot of fun building the projects in the book!

I purchased this book so that I could spend more time working in my woodshop. I'm not a talented wood-worker, but I do enjoy learning to do new things, and with a nephew and Christmas right around the corner, I figured I'd give it a shot. The book contains several really neat and more modern designs for wooden toys, which was a big plus. In addition, I found the templates and directions to be better than average for a book of this type. The only complaint I have is that the templates in some cases have to be scaled up when copied. This required scanning them to a computer, re-sizing, and printing, which is a bit of a pain, and if you don't have the proper equipment, I'm not sure how you'd do it. That said, I am having fun working on the monster truck on the cover, and am all ready looking at what the next toy will be.

I was surprised by both the quality of the book and the detailed guidance. I found the illustrations and the designs to be of high quality in both details and attractiveness. I am happy with this purchase.

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