

Backyard Building Projects (Weekend Workshop Collection)

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Edward A. Baldwin : Backyard Building Projects (Weekend Workshop Collection) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Backyard Building Projects (Weekend Workshop Collection):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting ideasBy CustomerFirst let me say I'm in NO WAY a woodworker- not even close. My wife wanted some outdoor wood furniture so we started shopping around BUT everything is either VERY expensive, or so cheaply made that there is no way it will hold up to winters here in the Northeast. So she talked me into building some. We originally got this book out of the library and really liked the interesting, somewhat retro, designs. I was thrilled to find a hardcopy used one here so i snatched it up right away. The book gives a good materials list BUT only gives linear measurements (i.e. 50 linear feet of 2x4) Well I'm not real good with figuring out effecient cutting plans so I did waste too much material (I always seemed to be short 1 8" 2x4!) The drawings are also somewhat confusing at first. After using the book for awhile I started to get the hang of how the author laid things out- but a more detailed diagram (especially for board spacing and placement) would have saved me a few mistakes (I had to extrapolate some measurements based on the overall length of the supports minus the panel lengths to figure out how to assemble the entire thing). The author does give some good insight on how the make cuts, and what tools can be used. The author likes to tell stories of how the projects came to light (interesting), but then tends to get a bit bogged down in things like insect damage. I did give this 4 stars because the projects CAN be completed and they turn out really nice. You don't have to have a shop full of tools (all I have used so far was a

circular saw, jig saw, small jobsite table saw, palm sander, router (this is really optional as the edges of seats can just be rounded off with a sander), cordless drill/driver, tape measure, adjustable square, a 18 gauge finish nailer (again optional as finish nails can be done by hand), sawhorses and quick bar clamps). I took off 1 star because there is some thought that has to go into assembly, and the materials lists is a little too vague and does not have a cutting guide.

A collection of projects for DIY enthusiasts at all skill levels. Complete designs, step-by-step instructions and construction photographs describe projects for making gazebos and sheds, cooking and dining furniture, deck and porch furniture, planters and wildlife feeders and shelters.