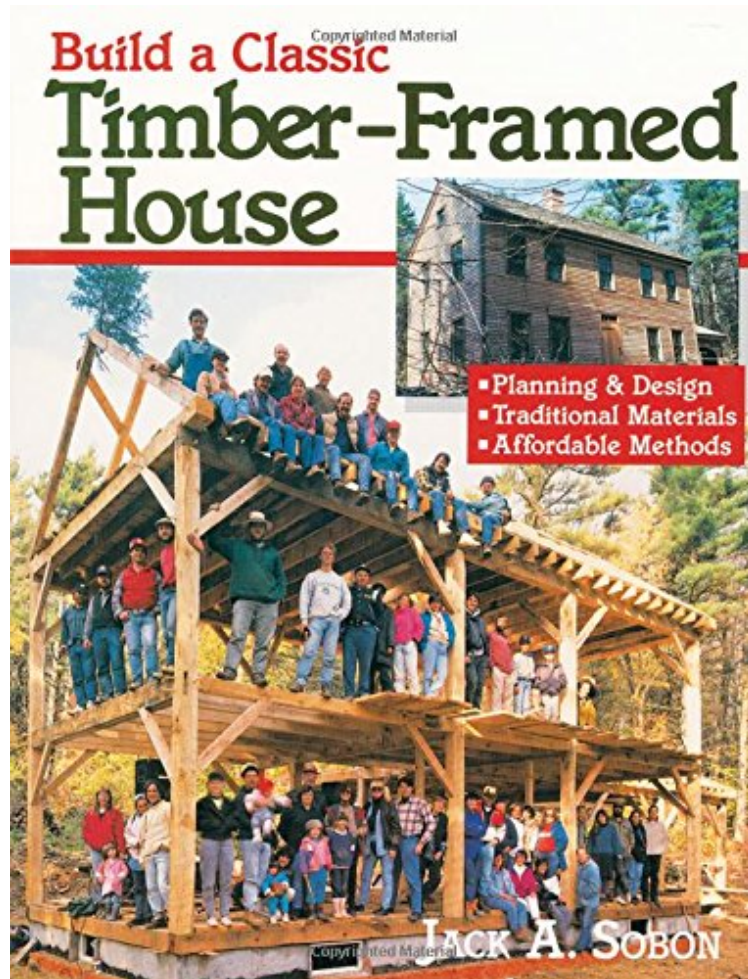


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. More detailed than the first book from 1984By Jesse CreateThisI'm a little surprised nobody has compared this book to Sobon's earlier book in 1984: "Timber Frame Construction: All About Post-and-Beam Building", which is also available here on . I read the earlier book in my local book store yesterday. I then bought this book for my Kindle today, on a whim. While the first book left me intrigued, it didn't provide much detail. This book provides much more detail. It seems Sobon has matured over 3 decades. He writes about building codes, electricity (though still briefly), and provides more information about engineering (though still

briefly), like load requirements and provides some formulas and examples. Being an engineering type myself, I'd like to see more detail in that area. Being a woodworker, I'm a little happier with the added detail regarding joints, flattening, milling, etc. It's still an introduction, not an end all manual, but I think it's a better introduction. I prefer this newer book. It's a great read. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An excellent companion piece to build on basic skills

By I. Slatas I've just finished reading this book and it is very good. It does expect that you have some basic woodworking skills to understand the processes that are referenced and to know that a peg should "sound right" when it is driven enough. There is some basic engineering covered although you will be required to perform many more calcs to comply with local codes if you intend to build the sample house or a design of your own. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking to learn more about building a green wood timber frame with hand tools and draw pinning. It's just an excellent read with plenty of diagrams and illustrations. The book contains references to many excellent books to read in addition to it. Two of note are "Timber Frame Construction: All About Post and Beam Building" by Jack A. Sobon and Roger Schroeder, and "The Passive Solar Design and Construction Handbook" by Steven Winter Associates. There are other strong references regarding timber identification and selection, tools, and many others. Use this book as a springboard into timber framing and you won't regret it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The author speaks to the purpose of timber frame construction in a modern era

By N. Warnes I am a recent student to the art and technology of Timber frame (post-and-beam) construction. There are differences of nomenclature amongst builders, purists and pragmatists alike. The author's easy writing style harmonizes that hurdle and makes for an enjoyable experience as you learn about the art, the pragmatism and the utility of timber frame construction and the engineering science behind these structures. Moreover, the author speaks to the purpose of timber frame construction in a modern era: energy efficiency, carbon footprint, and timeless beauty that will be appreciated by generations to come.

Build a classic, enduring, and affordable home. With Jack A. Sobon's careful guidance, you can construct your own timber-framed house in the traditional hall-and-parlor style. From felling trees to cutting timbers, and frame construction to door selection, you'll find Sobon's professional advice and hand-drawn illustrations invaluable. Whether you're a first-time builder or a seasoned contractor looking to expand your repertoire, you'll find answers to all your timber-frame questions. Open the front door and walk into the home of your dreams.

From Booklist Sobon outlines a unique craft that is part conventional furniture building, part home construction. In timber frame construction, there's a minimum of metal fasteners (nails, nuts, bolts, etc.), and wood is joined by many of the basic joints (for example, the mortise and tenon, the dovetail) traditionally used in making furniture. Knowing that one's home is put together by a variety of pins, slots, and notches may not be reassuring to most, but be assured that timber framing is an old technique that produces very solid structures. It does, however, require quite a lot of timber, since main beams, for instance, can be as much as eight-inches square; the various cuts must be made to rather close tolerances; and the way the timbers are harvested and sawn will have great effect on how they (and the building) respond when exposed to moisture and cold. Although the book's sample project and copious illustrations do enlighten the initiate, it's possible to come away feeling that a month-long class on the subject might provide a better education. Still, this is an excellent how-to. Jon Kartman

From the Back Cover The timber-framed home is attractive, affordable, and easily expanded to meet the needs of a growing family. With the step-by-step instructions in this book you can build your own classic timber-framed house -- one that's enduring, and features a level of craftsmanship rare in modern construction. Following the traditional "hall-and-parlor" home design, architect and builder Jack Sobon carefully and clearly explains -- finding the ideal building site -- creating the master plan -- selecting the best tree species -- hewing and milling timbers -- assembling the frame -- installing wall sheathing, windows, and doors -- designing and finishing the interior -- expanding on the plan

One of the best-known and most distinctive figures in the timber-framing revival, Jack Sobon knows how to make home building affordable with economical hand tools, by taking control of the processing of building materials, and through using local inexpensive supplies. The basic house design of this book is easily adapted to meet different needs. Sobon's practical advice incorporates the latest knowledge on building a healthy house, integrating natural systems, and finding effective home heating solutions.

About the Author Jack A. Sobon is a self-employed architect and builder of timber-framed structures. He holds a bachelor of architecture degree from the Rhode Island School of design and has worked on barn moving and restoration. Together with Roger Schroeder, Sobon co-wrote *Build a Classic Timber-Framed House*, which is now in its twelfth printing, with nearly 50,000 copies in print.