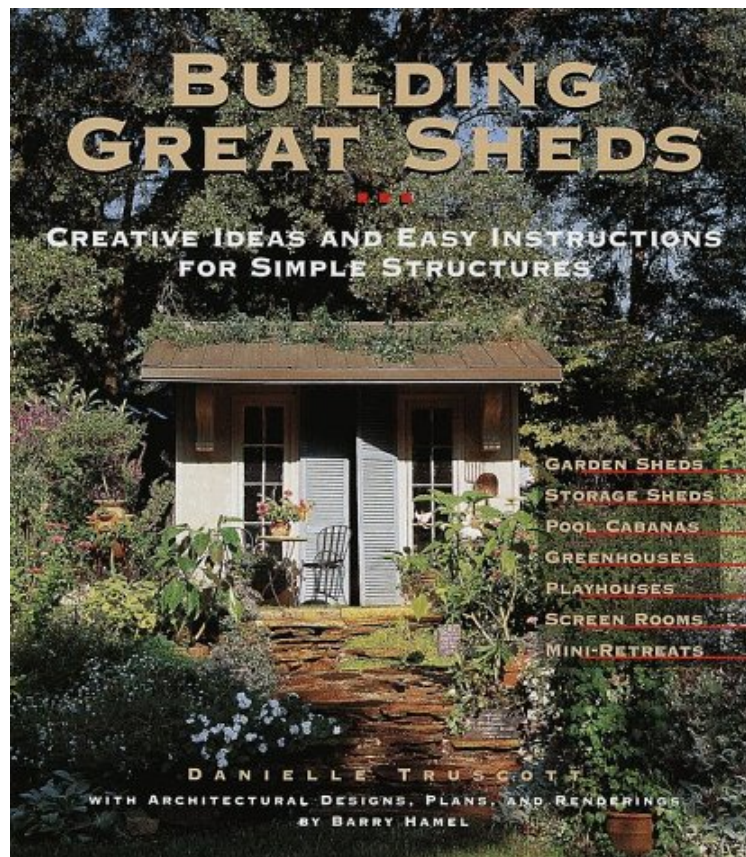


# Building Great Sheds: Creative Ideas Easy Instructions for Simple Structures

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**Danielle Truscott : Building Great Sheds: Creative Ideas Easy Instructions for Simple Structures** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Building Great Sheds: Creative Ideas Easy Instructions for Simple Structures:

31 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Not a 5 star book. By M. Breton I can't see why other rated this book 5 stars. Maybe they just looked at the pictures because it does have nice pictures of various old sheds. The book contains instructions to build one shed. They are very detailed. Too bad they are hard to follow and in some cases just plain wrong. For instance, on page 77, step 68, the author says to set your circular saw to a 45 degree angle and cut a 12' 2X4 into 6 pieces 3' long. This will result in bevel cuts, not the desired angle cuts. The instructions are written in such a way that you expected to follow them blindly without deviation. Also it is difficult to match up the relevant photos with the instructions. My biggest gripe is the drawings in the appendix. They used brown lines on tan paper with brown stipple. This makes them so hard to read they are almost useless. The full uselessness is rendered by the appendix drawings being incomplete and poorly ordered. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Building Great Sheds By Nan Great book. Beautiful pictures detailed plans. It will be hard to decide which one to build. 5 of 6

people found the following review helpful. Great for ideas  
By M. Dillon  
Pluses to this book: Photos  
Plenty of them on sheds set in backyards everywhere. For the most part, these are not your typical home improvement store shed. Metal roofs, old barn board, stone, earth and more are combined to create interesting designs.  
Ideas  
Because of the numerous photos you are only limited by your imagination and budget when the time comes to your own little shed retreat. I picked up this book for just this reason. As I get ready to build a shed for a customer I wanted to create a unique shed so I have been browsing many shed books for inspiration.  
Details  
The book offers a step-by-step detail plan for two sheds. From these sheds you are given other ideas to expand on the main plans to create several other sheds.  
Plans  
There are plans included in the back of the book.  
Material list  
For the basic sheds you are given a shopping list of materials needed to construct the shed.  
Minuses to this book: Details  
This is a catch 22. Description of tools and supplies will be of no use for someone with a little background in construction. The details are helpful however they are written as if you have never built anything before. Many people will find this helpful but if you have built something you will be able to skim through these details and move forward. (this is not a big minus)  
Overall I enjoyed borrowing this book, but for my carpentry skill level...carpenter by trade, it is not one I will add to my personal collection. I would suggest Joseph Truini's Building a Shed. (Check out my 5 star review on Truini's book for more information.)

This how-to guide shows garden DIYers with no great skill how to build garden sheds and other outbuildings. There are detailed architects' plans, over 200 step-by-step photographs, DIY instructions for basic design and ten simple variations: potting shed, French pavilion, storage shed, woodland shed, lodge, cabana, summer house, eastern pavilion, arts and crafts studio and a children's playhouse. The book covers how to plan the shed to meet the garden's needs, pick the ideal site, deal with planning permission, choose basic hand and power tools and select the right timber and finishes. In addition it shows how to customize off-the-shelf sheds.