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Big Book Of Whittle Fun: 31 Simple Projects You Can Make With A Knife, Branches & Other Found Wood



Synopsis

Whittling is a fun past time for those just starting to carve, and those who have been carving for years. This book is filled with great little projects and games that are enjoyable to make and enjoyable to use. The whittler extraordinaire, Chris Lubkemann is back, with 31 fun and rewarding new whittle projects in his latest guidebook, Big Book of Whittle Fun.

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Customer Reviews

More Than A "Whittle" Fun The Big Book of Whittle Fun by Chris Lubkemann is a little "big book" filled with a "wot of whittlin' fun". Small in stature (a great size for taking with you when planning on doing a little whittling) but big in content! This book has over thirty projects and is an inspiration for many more. Games - check Jewelry - check Household items - check fun - check and technique: also check. The first of the book provides tips on knives, sharpening and honing, and modifying the knife if needed. It also talks about the three main whittling strokes used and different types of wood. Some projects do "cheat" a little and use a drill or Dremel-type tool but that's fine with me. Now all i have to do is go outside and find myself a twig or a branch so I can start whittlin' away! Two thumbs up for this book. Maybe we'll have a little whittlin contest at our Get-together in September! Back in my youth (and I'm surprised that I can remember it) I can recall an old farmer in rural Quebec, sitting on his porch whittling a walking stick while rocking in an old and probably carved rocking chair. It's amazing what can be achieved with a sharp knife. What a great way to relieve the stress of everyday life. Simply pick up a branch from a birch, maple or cherry tree, a sharp knife and whittle

away. Lubkemann's "little" book can get you started whittling immediately. There are 31 whittling ideas in the book as well as some basic information. The author suggests what types of wood to select, what type of knife to use and most of all, how to keep the blade sharp. In the author's eclectic collection there is a fully detailed weather vane, a weather station (if the stone is wet, it's raining), a sling shot and a tic tac toe game to name but a few. You don't have to be an expert carver to enjoy whittling, even a novice can get started right away and the author can help. So, pick up your Swiss Army Knife, a stick of wood and throw away those tranquilizers.

The child of missionaries, Chris grew up in the forests of Brazil and Peru, and has been carving since age seven. He has published three books with Fox Chapel Publishing and has been a contributor to Chip Chats and Woodcarving Illustrated magazine. His smallest branch rooster was given a Guinness World Record Certificate in 1981. Chris lives in Lancaster, Pa. Visit his website at www.WhittlingWithChris.com.

Well this was a hit as a Christmas present. At first it was purchased as a joke because my stepson started whittling when he was at the house, and started talking about whittling. LITTLE DID I KNOW that it would turn into something he just loves and bought some whittling knives, etc. Great. Happy we got him the leather finger protectors too. He's a little haphazard with the knives. (Oh, he's 26)

I gave my 12-year-old daughter this book for Christmas. She loves the projects, but wishes there was a little more detail on whittling techniques, and more detail in general. But on the whole she is very happy with this book!

A very good book. Lots of detail and good pictures. Really helpful. I would highly recommend for the whittler getting started.

Contains some great project ideas, although they may be too advanced for beginners.

My 10yo daughter loves this book. Every spare moment she has the book open, with pocket-knife and wood in hand. A great way to spend your spare time.

Chris Lubkemann is the author of "The Little Book of Whittling", a great book for the whittling beginner. This book follows in the same vein with a number of fun projects: kids games, rustic

decorations, craft tools, and sellable craft items. There are projects in this book that will appeal to everyone, even though others may be more selective in appeal. Each project is well described and illustrated with color photos. Lubkemann also includes basic instruction photos and detail in the first 10 pages about whittling knife selection, sharpening, and whittling cutting techniques. As in "The Little Book", Lubkemann insets useful little gems of outdoors knowledge along the way, as well as good related advice for tool use (especially since this book may be in the hands of younger readers inexperienced in hand tool use). The projects are all quite easy to do; I intend to do a number of the game projects with my grandchildren when they are a bit older, building the kind of memories that last, even though the project itself may not. I've rated this 4/5 since as an add-on book it shouldn't rank 5/5 as did his "The Little Book...". Additionally, some may not be satisfied with the "yield" they find in this book - that is, the number of projects they personally find useful out of the 31. My opinion is that the book is an enjoyable glimpse into Lubkemann's world of craft-whittling, and that most will find the book entertaining, interesting, and useful for a good number of projects that they or their children or grandchildren will be overjoyed to do and have. While the percentage of those projects may not be high, even one that is precious in a child's eyes will make this book worthwhile.

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Sent this to my grandchildren along with a whittle knife for when they go camping. Under adult supervision, the kids can learn how to follow instructions and create things from tree branches.

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