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Little Book Of Whittling, The: Passing Time On The Trail, On The Porch, And Under The Stars (Woodcarving Illustrated Books)



Synopsis

Unwind and relax as you whittle away time on your porch or under the stars. 6" x 9". Fun, portable and makes a terrific gift.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"[A] plot to get us all into the outdoors...enjoying ourselves while building skills! --"Tactical Knives Magazine"

Relax the old fashioned way Whether on your front porch-or in the back woods-the Little Book of Whittling will help you learn to how to create fun and useful objects with nothing more than a pocket knife and a twig. Author Chris Lubkemann will help you "whittle away the hours" with clear guidance on becoming an expert whittler. Inside, you'll find easy-to-follow instruction on: - Tools and Materials: including what wood is best to carve - How to Start: including choosing and sharpening the best knife - Projects: including knives, forks and spoons; birds and animals; trees and flowers; whistles and walking sticks; and much more Lubkemann brings nearly 40 years' whittling experience, and shares his knowledge in a friendly, down-home style. Whether you're a beginner looking for an easy way to get started in the most basic form of woodcarving, or an advanced carver looking for a relaxing way to spend your free time, the Little Book of Whittling will give you the

how-to instruction you need to become an accomplished whittler.

I was so impressed by this little book that I bought a copy for each of my adult children, along with a Victorinox Swiss Army Tinker, and a few other sharpening tools and materials, as well as a block of Basswood. They will be admonished to learn this skill and when the time is right, pass the skill and tools along to my grandchildren... or let me enjoy doing so. This is the first of two great books I have found for learning to whittle; the other is *Whittlin' Whistles* by Rick Wiebe. Both of these books are filled with illustrations and detail of technique for maintaining your pocketknife to whittle as well as be successful in the projects. On-line one can find instructions for whittling a whistle, a ball in cage, and other items, but a well-illustrated book is more effective. Another booklet I have found is *Whittling for Beginners* by Salty; this is available only from select Woodcarving stores. Lubkemann's book is a great resource for not only teaching the skill of whittling, but also it offers snippets of outdoorsman and woodlore knowledge covering a very broad range of topics - reminiscent of the Boy Scout Handbook or Field Book of years ago. Ten of his 90 pages cover topics of pocket knife selection (he prefers the versatility of the Swiss Army Tinker), sharpening, and whittling cutting techniques. Lubkemann's projects are drawn from art and utility from the out-of-doors, covering spoon, fork, spreader, carved figures, walking stick, sling-shot, whistle, and more. His raw material is the fallen branches found almost everywhere except for the densest urban setting. Highly recommended.

We got this for our 13 year old son to go along with a Swiss Army knife. We have a lot of trees and consequently, lots of branches to whittle. Despite the snow and cold weather, he was outside whittling the next day. Most of the projects are very simple. I like that the book has plenty of full color illustrations. Like most 13 year old boys, my son would rather quickly delve into the "action" of doing these projects. The illustrations allowed him to do this because there wasn't a plethora of reading material to work his way through before beginning the fun stuff.

There are a great many books on woodcarving out there, but precious few on the simple pleasures of whittling figures out of fallen branches and cuttings. This is the perfect introduction to for the novice whittler who is looking for some basic information on choosing a knife, sharpening it, and using it. The good news is that you don't need an assortment of expensive, specialized blades; a properly prepared, inexpensive, single bladed knife will do just fine.

Substance of the book was OK, with a reasonable selection of beginner projects. Unfortunately I bought the Kindle version, which is just a series of scanned images whose text does not wrap across the device (iPad mini). Text size increases only if the entire image is scanned beyond the page size. All in all, a lot of work to read through a single page, and a complication somewhat detracting from the laid back whittlin'ethos of the book. The paperback version must be the better choice here.

Better than nothing. If you want to learn how to whittle, this is a good book to start with, or as in my case, continue with. I bought two more before considering whittling. I also learned that "whittlers" should buy "whittling gloves" or use "whittling finger pads". Helps to keep you from cutting yourself.

I really got into knife collecting a year or so ago and recently bought a Flexcut whittling knife. This book has some great and easy to understand projects. I don't think I would have come up with any of these ideas on my own. It has great illustrations and project instructions. As a beginner this is exactly what I was looking for.

My 9 yr old son loves this book. Whittling is a new hobby for him and this is a great starting book!

Love this little book! Has so many great ideas for my son who loves to whittle, taking it camping with us. He's 13 and loved it.

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