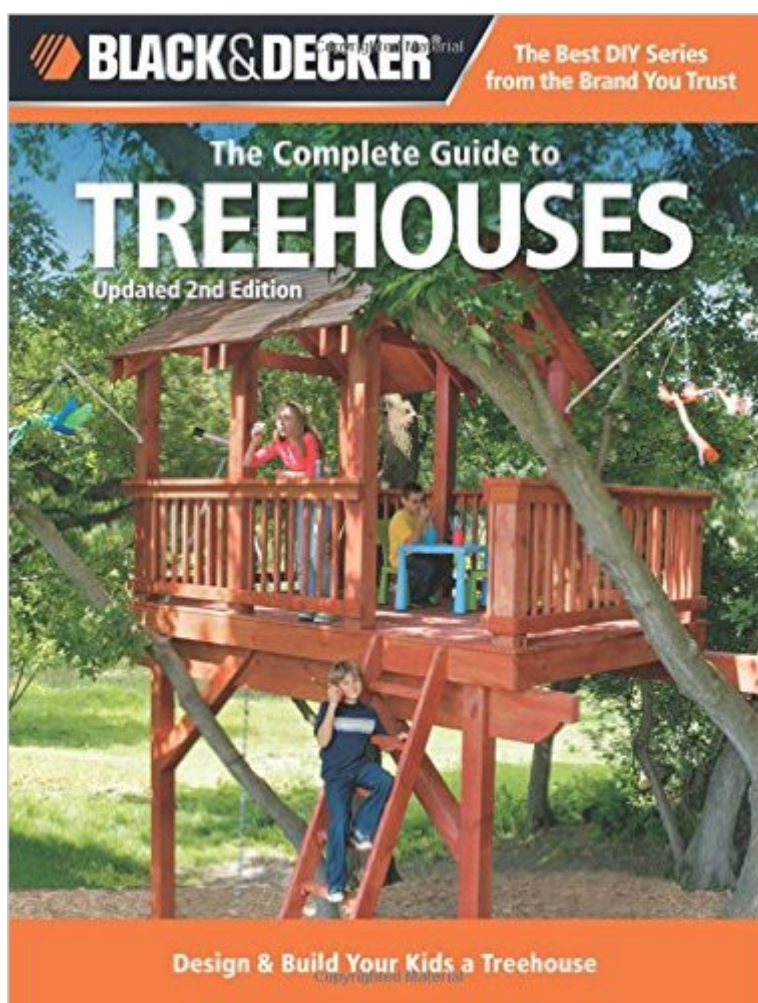


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Treehouses, 2nd Edition: Design & Build Your Kids A Treehouse (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



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Treehouses are more popular today than ever before. Our original treehouse book, *The Complete Guide: Build Your Kids a Treehouse*, was published in 2007. It exceeded all sales projections right out of the gate and continues to be a leading title in the treehouse category. Now, we've made it even better. The expanded edition features three all-new treehouses shown in complete step by step detail, along with full plans. Also includes an expanded inspiration section, offering a wider variety of unique and interesting treehouses that generate ideas and excitement. Exciting book for parents or grandparents to use with their children.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are thinking about building a treehouse this book (Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Treehouses (2nd ed.)) is one of the few published resources available. It covers basic information about zoning, how to choose a tree, and safety, how to build treehouse accessories (like ziplines, slides, and swings), and it has plans for 6 different styles of treehouse. Before buying this book, you should know that the plans are really just guidelines, not detailed instructions. The book seems aimed at people with framing carpentry experience (if you are a complete beginner, it is probably better to get some experience building things on the ground before you build things in the air). Even though I am fairly advanced for an amateur, I got bogged down when building one of the projects in

the book: a platform using a single tree as a center post. This project involves building diagonal supports called knee braces from the corners of the treehouse platform down to the trunk below. The knee braces transfer the weight on the platform downward and inward to the tree trunk. The book does an adequate job illustrating how to attach the BOTTOMS of the knee braces to the trunk, but it completely glosses over how to attach the TOPS of the knee braces to the platform in a way that is structurally sound. The instructions basically say "attach the knee brace to the the platform with nails and hardware". There are several photos of treehouses built in this way, but none of them shows any detail of the knee-brace to platform connection. The photos seem to show knee braces nailed to an outside corner where the sill joist is butted to joist header, which seems very dangerous. Why?

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