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Whittling Twigs & Branches, 2nd Edition: Unique Birds, Flowers, Trees & More From Easy-to-Find Wood



Synopsis

Includes step-by-step demonstrations on how to carve roosters, herons, pheasants, roadrunners, flowers, trees and letter openers from ordinary twigs and branches using only a pocketknife. Also included are tips for correcting mistakes and some painting and finishing tips. A knife and a little know-how are all you need to turn a twig into a bird, tree, or flower. Perfect for beginning and experienced whittlers.

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Customer Reviews

I recently purchased this book after seeing Chris Lubkemann demonstrate his rooster carving techniques on the FYI channel. With the help of this book and a little previous wood working experience, I was able to whittle three roosters and a hen from branches collected in my own yard. This book is a tidy, complete, well-illustrated user's guide to whittling twigs and branches. He provides clear step-by-step instructions, and openly shares his opinions and experiences with various types of wood, knives, finishes, etc. As with all really good reference works, I find myself going back and forth between whittling and re-reading the book. I learn something new with each closer look at these pages. Lubkemann's rocking chair philosophy explores what an average person can accomplish with a twenty-dollar pocket knife and a few branches that are absolutely free. I applaud not only his uncluttered approach to this noble craft, but his genuine desire to pass it along to anyone who is interested. An aside: this book is an excellent gift idea for anyone interested in folk art, woodcraft, or chickens.

Folks, whittling ain't carving and this book should not be confused with that art form. Whittling is a way to keep your mind and hands busy without watching the [...] tube. The author does a good job of passing on his skills to other whittlers. Twig whittling is an inexpensive way of creating a little give-away art for the people you come into contact with during life's journey. Materials cost little or nothing; what else could you ask? Very detailed instructions, illustrations are informative and author's advice is invaluable. If you enjoy giving your pocket knife a workout while spending quality time inside your own mind, this book is worth the price.

For anyone who likes to go for nature walks and collect twigs and branches and do some whittling with them, then this is the book to get. Easy to follow and read, very good.

I brought this for a friend's kid who is 8 and loves to whittle, it is a much nicer book than I expected, nice and glossy, large with easy to understand instructions, but I was surprised after reading the other reviews that no-one mentioned that apart from a tree, flower and letter opener everything was a bird of some description. The birds are fantastic and very cleverly done, this kid has chickens so I'm sure she will be attempting to make a chicken or two, but I was hoping for a bit more variation in items to whittle. I am still happy that I brought this book, the kid was thrilled, but I just wanted to let others know that it really is mainly chickens etc... maybe the title should be Birds and other items to whittle ;-). I would recommend this item for its quality, just be sure they like birds though.

I have been very pleased. One of the few "how to" books to learn a skill that I have come across that can actually do the job straight from the book without already having some skill or personal lessons to go along with it. I have been having fun making animals and leaving them around for my children to find.

By the title it sounded like what my Grandfather did with his old pocket knife, BUT no (nada). Some info about how to pick up sticks that already look like a rooster but hey didn't any whittler know that anyway, or maybe not? Anyway just roosters and chickens and more roosters and chickens and groups of people that whittle only roosters and chickens. Would send it back but shipping is not worth it.

Chris Lubkemann believes in redemption and transformation. He illustrates his faith that God can

transform the most apparently useless life into a work of art by whittling fallen branches destined for the wood chipper into valuable sculptures. And Chris is generous in sharing his skills with others, praising their efforts at every stage of development. Through Chris's earlier book, he taught me to carve tiny roosters, hens, and pheasants from humble twigs. Woodcarving has been the most relaxing avocation I have ever pursued, and I have Chris Lubkemann to thank for much of it.

I whittled and carved for a number of years, but then got out of the practice. I bought this book for the ideas it might offer, and as a kick-start to get back into whittling. What I found is that it's an excellent guide for beginners, and offers some great tips and ideas for those with more experience. Unless you are quite experienced at whittling, I'd recommend this book.

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