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Synopsis

Many generations ago, the cabin was the backbone of American life; it was the headquarters of that important unit—the home. It provided shelter, protection, and a foundation upon which to build a great empire. The pioneer cabin, understandably, was a necessity.Even in today's modern and complex world, many people still reside in cabins built to withstand permanent housing. In addition, cabins that serve as hunting and fishing lodges, summer cottages, and bungalows are seen as recreational luxuries. Cabins are healthy investments—when built correctly and cared for continuously, that is.Originally published in 1934, How to Build Cabins, Lodges, and Bungalows is both a historical and practical text that offers step-by-step instructions on how to build these structures and their various components: doors, windows, shutters, fireplaces, chimneys, porches, and more.In addition to shedding light on how cabins, lodges, bungalows—and even wayside stands and tourist homes—are built, the editors of Popular Science Monthly also included ideas for furnishing and decorating the finished homes and lodges, along with suggested lands on which to build them and tips on how to finance them.

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Customer Reviews

This book is truly helpful for those who are earnest about understanding how log cabins should be made. It is a book that any log cabin hobbyist or archaeologist would want in their library. I agreed with all the previous reviews. I especially found the information on foundations particularly helpful,

most other books just kind of skim over this section. I now have a much better understanding how to plan and construct a log cabin project.

This is a great find and a wonderful book. I am building a cabin in a remote location and this gave my lots of ideas. Not only that but it draws from a wonderful period in history when cabins were the norm, functional and built to last. Strongly recommend even if its just for the pictures!

This book provides fantastic details regarding specific methods of log cabin construction. Several methods of notching and stacking are discussed, as well as other alternatives such as pre-fab and faux log siding. One caveat, however, is listing the publication date as 2012, but a lot of (all?) the content is very obviously much older than that. Suggestions that you should use material such as asbestos and lead should be ignored. Also, in pricing and contractor examples, the book suggests that a cabin could be built for as little as \$200, and that a mason could install a custom brick fireplace for the materials + \$22 in labour. Unless the mason is your uncle, and that \$22 is for a case of beer, I think these prices come a little low.Still, five stars. Excellent information throughout most of the book, well written.

If you are one of those souls that longs to have your very own cabin in the wilderness, be it Forest or Dessert. This book will really set the day dreams and even those long night dreams in motion again and again. I have read it cover to cover already and have started over again with a note book and a couple of pens scratching down ideas I really like. I am a firm believer that I will be building my cabin this year. Thanks go to the Authors.

This is a reprint of the classic original book from 1948. In fact, you can still find earlier editions of the book, though I opted for this newer binding since it'll last much longer. What you get in the pages of this book, though, is entirely original: it's a facsimile of the original book in every way. I read a lot of contemporary construction and building books, and the reason I like this book from the first part of the 20th century is that it simply preserves early techniques that are now long gone. You learn, for instance, how to build a redwood septic tank. That would NEVER happen now, as you surely know, as building codes now mandate ridiculously overbuilt concrete septic tanks. So this book offers insights into a previous world of building -- but also into very clever solutions to building simple structures. I've built an array of out buildings, as well as my own home, and find many reassuring facts and details in this book. For instance, the first part of the book is dedicated to cabin

construction, and nearly everything is built out of logs. Today, when building a cabin, we'd rely on some kinds of store-bought framing and various things you can't make on site, such as house wrap and insulation. In this book, however, the idea that you'll fabricate almost everything on site is assumed. If you've ever read Richard Proenneke tales of cabin construction, you can bet that he had a copy of this book on hand at all times. Many details in this book transferred directly to what he built! He possibly committed the book to memory. At the end of the book is a cool section titled "Beautifying the Cabin," and in this section you can find imaginative suggestions regarding simple siding, and then that section is followed by one with many plans for small cabins. I tend to think that everything we needed to know about simple structures was well known about the 1930s, and that simple truth is well documented in this book.

Already reviewed this for the seller about a month ago - good book, very quaint American 1930's genre.

It wasn't what I expected!!!

Very informative and well laid out

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