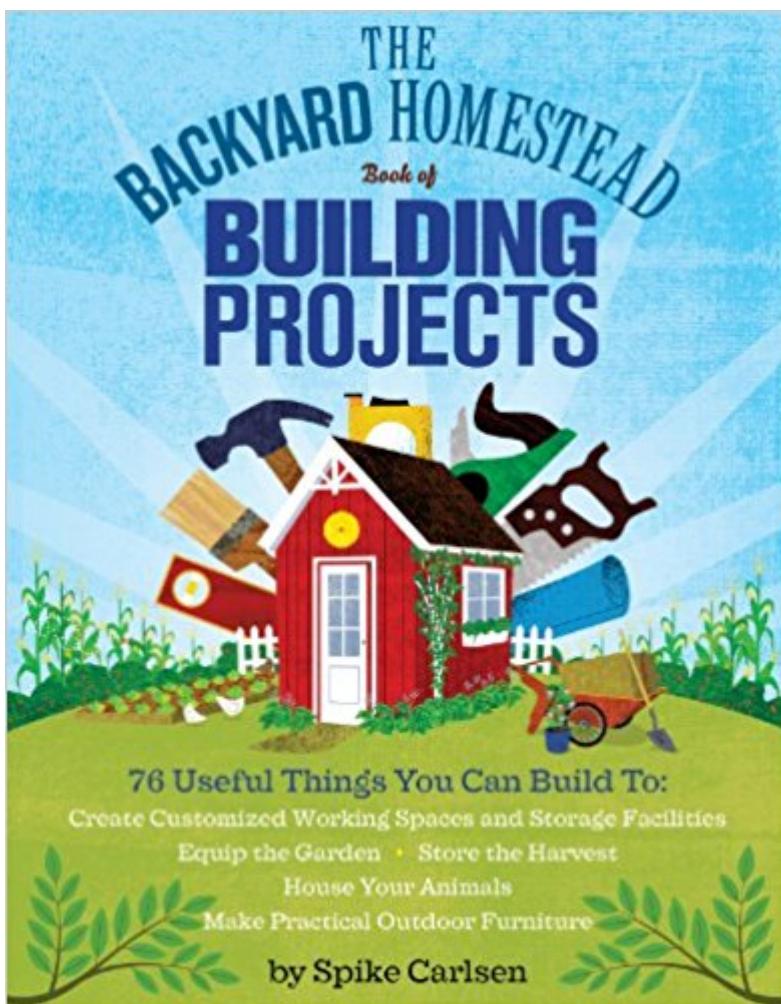


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# The Backyard Homestead Book Of Building Projects: 76 Useful Things You Can Build To Create Customized Working Spaces And Storage Facilities, Equip The ... Animals, And Make Practical Outdoor Furniture





## Synopsis

Gardeners, small farmers, and outdoor living enthusiasts will love this compilation of 76 rustic DIY projects. From plant supports and clotheslines to a chicken coop, a greenhouse, and a root cellar with storage bins, most of the projects are suitable for complete novices, and all use just basic tools and easy-to-find materials. You'll find techniques to build whatever your outdoor world is missing, with additional tips to live sustainably, happily, and independently.

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## Customer Reviews

Whether you are raising livestock or just a small bed of herbs, there are plenty of useful projects in this collection. ...This well-balanced book fits very nicely into the series, and the projects are accessible to homesteaders of all levels. A great purchase.

Master carpenter Spike Carlsen shares 76 plans for making a self-sufficient life easier and better organized.

Build Your Self-Sufficient Life

Build-it-yourself equipment, shelters, workspaces, and storage structures are just what you need to make your backyard more productive and better organized. Cold frames, compost bins, hose guides, raised-bed gardens, and potting benches make your vegetable gardening more pleasurable and your yields more plentiful. Rabbit hutches, bat houses, and chicken coops protect the useful animals in your yard. Drying racks, outdoor cookers,

and root-cellар storage help you prepare and preserve fresh food. Tool sheds, chests, and storage racks provide tidy homes for everything you use in your backyard. Whether you're a new woodworker or a seasoned expert with power tools, you'll find projects you can put together in just a day or a weekend. Clear instructions guide you through every step required to build 76 useful items that will support and expand your active outdoor lifestyle.

This is a project book, covering something like 20-30 individual projects that you might use on a small urban farm or even a somewhat larger (5-10 acre) homestead. I've uploaded some pictures to give you a sense of the project pages and how they work: the materials you'll need are listed, as well as diagrams and instructions. This is a helpful book that you can go to for ideas as much as actual directions. I say this because the spirit of the book seems to me to be all about doing it yourself, not necessarily following a paint-by-numbers set of instructions. So a birdhouse plan might give you some ideas for your own birdhouse, as might the plans for the simple sawhorses. A note on the plans: if you have a saw, hammer, and some nails, you can pretty much complete all of these projects. No need for a router or biscuit joiner here. These are simple projects demanding simple tools and some limited know-how. I like this book and find myself returning to it often. It's simple and inviting.

I am not a carpenter or wood worker, but am attempting and slowly learning to be a homesteader. I was super excited to get this book and dig into it, and was so pleased to find projects I KNOW I will be able to complete myself! This is a book with many different projects that will serve both homesteaders and do-it-yourselfers alike. The photography along with the project directions will make these projects a true pleasure to dig into!

This is a great book for a DIYer that needs plans or ideas for projects. Already built the rabbit hutch in it.

Starting with several tips to help a beginning builder, the author takes the reader through many projects ranging from simple totes and benches up to more complex projects including a full featured garden shed. The designs, all showing much more thought than my feeble attempts at similar projects, demonstrate that this is not the author's first attempt at these projects and, with the material lists, will save the prospective builder time and trouble and result in a good looking project rather than a by-guess-and-by gosh embarrassment.

Love this book. A must for any beginning homesteader. Great projects and when built are sturdy. Loved all the project ideas. All designs have clear directions and are easy to build for all skill levels. I recommend this book!!

Bought this for my do it all hubby, he is looking forward to trying out several of the projects this summer.

Some very good building concepts. A little beyond what I am willing to tackle however.

This book has great ideas and plans if you own a large amount of property and went to build on it.

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