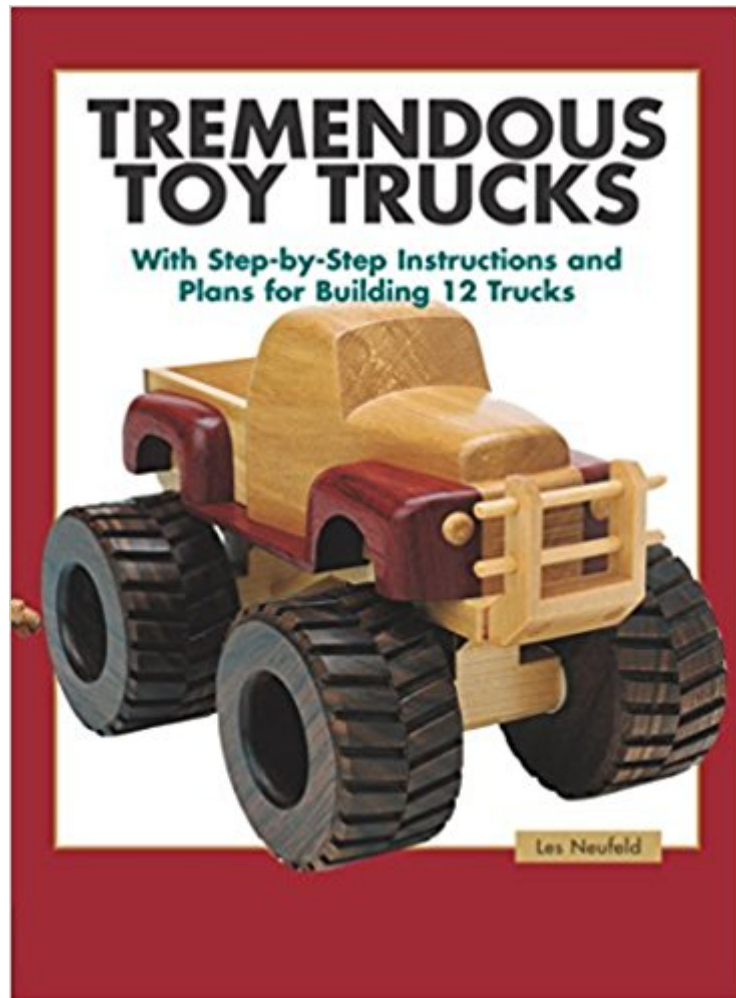




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Tremendous Toy Trucks



Synopsis

Simple, functional-and just plain fun. That describes the 12 projects in this collection of classic wooden toys in Tremendous Toy Trucks. The projects featured here include dump trucks, a tow truck, a flatbed, a semi, a cement truck, logging trucks-and more beautiful heirlooms. There's a project for every woodworker -- and hours of imaginative play for the lucky kids who will get the trucks once they are made. Designs are varied and durable enough for kids who play hard Includes more than 300 photos and illustrations Projects have working parts -- from winches to rolling wheels.

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Customer Reviews

Les Neufeld has been an ardent woodworker since childhood. With early training in the logging and lumber industry, he later became a machinist and went on to earn a master's degree in education. He received his woodworking and design training at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Author of Tremendous Toy Trucks (Taunton Press, 2001) and Making Toys that Teach (Taunton Press, 2003), Les lives in Quesnel, British Columbia.

I purchased this book so that I could spend more time working in my woodshop. I'm not a talented wood-worker, but I do enjoy learning to do new things, and with a nephew and Christmas right around the corner, I figured I'd give it shot. The book contains several really neat and more modern designs for wooden toys, which was a big plus. In addition, I found the templates and directions to

be better than average for a book of this type. The only complaint I have is that the templates in some cases have to be scaled up when copied. This required scanning them to a computer, re-sizing, and printing, which is a bit of a pain, and if you don't have the proper equipment, I'm not sure how you'd do it. That said, I am having fun working on the monster truck on the cover, and am all ready looking at what the next toy will be.

This is a great book - well thought out and thorough. I have made one of the monster trucks and it was a hit with the boys at my church and a hit as a gift for a friend's five year old boy. I am currently making three more for Christmas gifts for my grandsons. Lots of fun - not too difficult and easy to immerse oneself in. Excellent!

First time ever trying to build wooden toys, or for that matter any wooden small scale stuff. I found the directions and plans easy enough to follow even at my skill level. I have a very very small wood work shop and had no problem working on the monster truck! I am having issue with the monster truck wheels but only because I don't have a table saw... yet. I am having a lot of fun making this stuff and I think anyone one else would too with this book.

The book was for my husband. He was looking for a cement truck but it was not in here. He will still use the book for other patterns though. Thank you, Jamie Hitchcock

This is an absolute OUTSTANDING book! I'm a home woodworker with a very small shop. I don't have a great number of tools but the great thing about this book is that you don't need many. (Although I did go out and buy a table top bandsaw to simplify a few of the operations) The plans in this book are very easy to follow and the results are incredible. I've only made one of the trucks, but it turned out great. I spent a few hours for two or three weekends and I just can't say enough about this book. The author suggests using hardwoods, but I've had some difficulties finding a place to get them. My truck was made mostly with scraps that I had laying about my shop and you would never know. If you like small projects, these make perfect gifts as toys, or as models. I'm also certain that there is a market for the trucks as I've been asked to make several already.

I made 3 dump trucks and 3 flat bed trucks for my 6 nephews (3 pairs of brothers) this past Christmas. I'm rather new to woodworking, but these trucks turned out fantastic. One thing I liked about these plans is that three of the trucks shared quite a few common parts. The flat bed truck,

the dump truck, and the tow truck all have the same cab, fenders, bumpers, exhaust pipes, and stairs. Their chassis are all very similar but slightly different dimensions. This was very helpful for making multiple trucks at the same time. I felt that the directions, pictures, and tips were superb. The book calls for buying wheels for the trucks. Since my 6 trucks required a total of 60 wheels, I went ahead and bought a wheel/hole cutter for the drill press. I found mine at Lee Valley, but I'm sure they sell them in . The radius is adjustable and leaves a pilot hole which worked fine for an axle hole. I made my wheels out of pine. I rounded the edges and inset a wheel well with a forstner bit. In the hole where the dowel axle was inserted, I plugged the ends with furniture buttons. It took a little extra time and didn't save too much money, but I thought it looked really nice. Oh yeah, the boys loved the trucks. Everyone was surprised that I could make something so nice. I have to give credit to a very well put together book.

The author does a good job of explaining how to build the projects. He uses the same base parts for several projects, so once you master making them for one project, they carry over to the next project. You can also mix and match parts from different projects, or choose different woods, to make the project you own. I am having a lot of fun building the projects in the book!

Great book just what I wanted

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