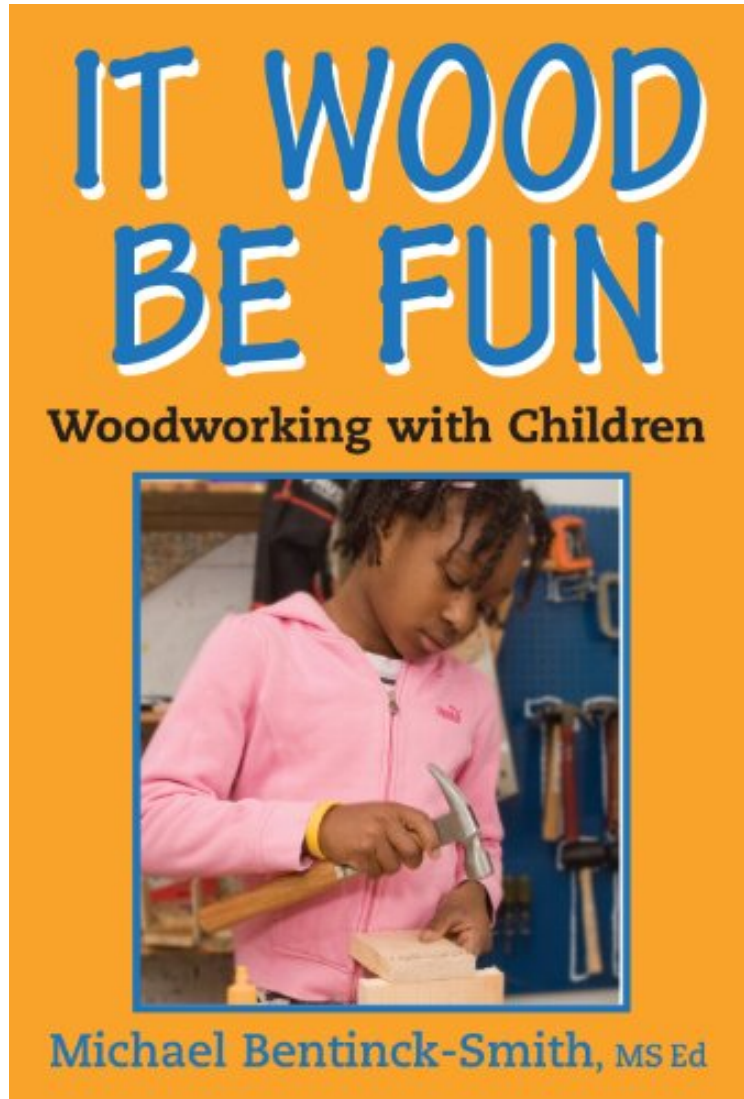


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**Michael Bentinck-Smith : It Wood Be Fun: Woodworking with Children** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It Wood Be Fun: Woodworking with Children:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great ResourceBy Pam"It Wood Be Fun" is a great resource book for adults looking for hands on projects for kids.The author, Michael Bentinck-Smith, gives you step by step directions on how to proceed. He outlines the tools and materials needed and how to work with them safely. Plus there's very helpful drawings that show what the end product should look like, and how pieces -- if there are pieces -- go together. In addition, the approximate times for each project is given so that if you can plan according if everything can't be

done in one sitting. The projects range from Basic to Advanced. Basic being ones like making a sign, a box, or a bookshelf. An example of an Intermediate project would be the birdhouse; the most advanced project is a mailbox with a flip-lid. Approximate times range from a half-hour up to 3 or 4 hours (depending on how fast children work. When it comes to painting, I know mine can dally). Like another reviewer after I read the introductory sections of the book, I felt like I could do be the lead in doing these projects. And I'm definitely going to suggest some of these for my children's scout troops. Let the sawing begin!

Pam T~mom/blogger Here's a list of projects: BASIC PROJECTS Platform Sign Boat Box Bookshelf BASIC-INTERMEDIATE Shield Bookends Shoes (cool project!) Lamp Rocking Horse Table Airplane Dollhouse INTERMEDIATE Chair Birdhouse INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED Car Desk Robot Castle ADVANCED Mailbox

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This is an excellent book to help anyone with basic woodworking skills to instruct and "work successfully with young children!" By D. Fowler Many children would love to be able to create something made of wood, but the opportunity to participate in a woodworking class may not always be available to them. With this book, "It Wood Be Fun: Woodworking with Children," there is ample opportunity for any adult with basic woodworking skills to create learning modules and instruct children of varying ages how to express themselves creatively in a wood medium. Bentinck-Smith's philosophy, garnered from many years of working with children, says "Let's keep the kids in charge." This unusual approach has made for many gratifying woodworking experiences for numerous children, some as young as five years of age. Bentinck-Smith has great respect for children, yet acknowledges that they must "make choices and [take] responsibility for their own work." The first thing on the agenda, even before considering which projects to work on, is to create a work and storage area. He recommends certain design considerations, including accommodations for the left-handed child. The author's own interest began when he experimented with his grandfather's tools, a pastime that "began a lifelong interest and affection for tools and putting them to creative use." (P. 20)

An in depth, careful discussion on each tool to purchase for a child's toolbox makes it easy to prepare for a meaningful woodworking experience. A list of tools, materials, and a "shopping list, (at times brand name specific) makes it easy for the beginning instructor who will need to go on a shopping excursion. Each recommended tool is carefully discussed with accompanying diagrams. For example, when discussing the block plane, we read about a price range, a description of its use, technique, and care of this tool. Projects are arranged from the simplest to the more advanced. Projects include: fantasy projects, a platform, sign, boat, box, bookshelf, shield, bookends, shoes, lamp, rocking horse, table, airplane, dollhouse, chair, birdhouse, car, desk, robot, castle, and mailbox. Simply stated, "The best part about it: children have a wonderful time woodworking and don't realize they are learning important life skills along the way." This is an excellent book to help anyone with basic woodworking skills to instruct and "work successfully with young children." I like the fact that the author actually has worked with children for a number of years. Many books I see of this nature, simply "think up" projects without regard to the feasibility of teaching them to young children. These projects, including a couple created by children, have a proven track record in an actual school setting. Bentinck-Smith throws in much of his philosophy about the value of woodworking in a young person's life, but also discusses behavioral issues he has encountered and gives advice on that as well. There were several typos in the book, but I was not overly concerned with them. The content was what I was took a careful look at. This book was fun and will prove invaluable to many novice instructors. There are no templates, but the illustrations can easily be enlarged on a copier. This is one book that you might wish to consider if you have some eager youngsters who want to be creative and make something fun and useful!

This book courtesy of the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. It IS Fun By drebbles Geared towards five through ten year olds and written by a former woodworking teacher, "It Wood Be Fun" gives instructions for several woodworking projects for children and their parents. Projects include things like a platform; sign; boat; bookshelf; lamp; rocking horse; doll house; bird house; robot; castle; and more. "It Wood Be Fun" is an excellent guide for getting young children involved in woodworking projects. Author Michael Bentinck-Smith starts by showing parents (or other adults) how to create a work and storage area (make sure you make it child-sized). He also lists tools and materials you need (no power tools are involved); what kind of wood to use; and how to care for and use various tools. When it comes to the projects themselves the instructions include: ability level; approximate time each project should take; materials needed for the project; tools needed for each project; description of the project; the steps involved in making the project; and any additional comments Bentinck-Smith has about the project. "It Wood Be Fun" has several nice features. Bentinck-Smith arranges the projects in order of difficulty beginning with the easiest and simplest so beginning woodworkers won't get frustrated as they learn. His instructions are easy to follow. Besides the finished projects, he often suggests other projects that can be made from the finished one (for example, a simple box can become a bookshelf, garage, cat box, jail, etc.) There are a wide variety of projects included in the book and there will be something to delight every child (and may form lasting memories as well as a lifelong interest in woodworking). There are a couple of things I do wish the book had. One is bigger patterns - I can't draw (at all) and it would be nice to work from full-sized (or at least larger) patterns that I could cut out. Also, while the book is full of helpful drawings it would have been nice to have photographs of the finished projects to reference. However, these are minor quibbles in an otherwise very useful book. "It Wood Be Fun" is filled with a lot of fun projects that will introduce children to the joy of

woodworking. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book for free. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."