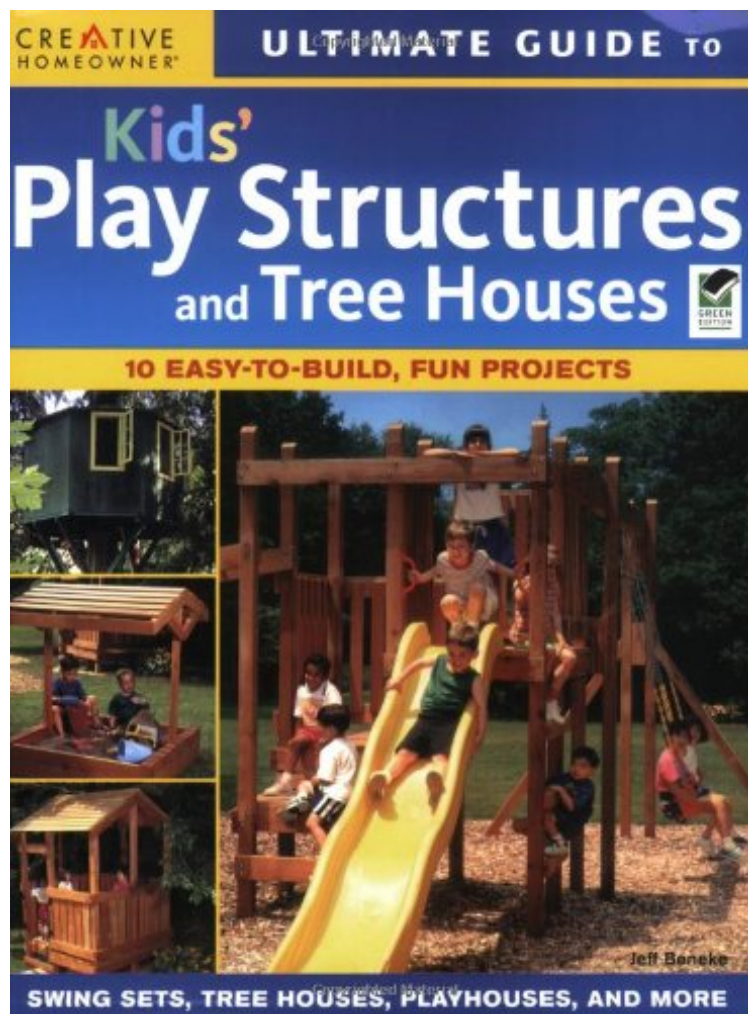


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Editors of Creative Homeowner : Ultimate Guide to Kids' Play Structures Tree Houses (Ultimate Guide To... (Creative Homeowner)) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ultimate Guide to Kids' Play Structures Tree Houses (Ultimate Guide To... (Creative Homeowner)):

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A good reference book for outside wood structuresBy AtTheBeachThis is the first book I've owned by the Creative Homeowner series and I have to say I'm impressed with the quality of the work put into the book. The illustrations are very clear and plentiful. The book is split into 4 sections, part 1 (5 chapters) deals with planning, design, materials, wood types, finishes and general pointers to help

first time builders. It's typical generic starter stuff you find in a lot of construction reference books, but there is some very useful info such as in the wood selection section. Part 2 deals with the swing set construction. Part 3 deals with the smaller easier projects like the sand box and picnic table. Part 4 deals with the harder tree house projects. I didn't put 5 stars for two reasons, 1st reason is I found the book title is a little miss leading stating 10 easy to build fun projects. It's more like 5 out of the 10 are easy weekend builds, the bigger projects like the swing set and the tree houses are certainly not projects that a beginner builder would want to tackle alone. All the projects are very well detailed with respect to the wood cutting schedule to give a beginner the confidence in attempting to build these projects, but the harder or bigger projects will take a seasoned builder min of 2 weekends to put together if not more, so a beginner may take twice that. 2nd reason, it didn't cover any ideas about using reclaimed wood. The book does have a green edition badge on the cover but don't be fooled, this is simply for the book print itself which is more of a light green seeing how it only used 10% recycled paper. With more and more construction material reclaiming centers popping up, I thought it could have had a small section on covering something that could save people money and the environment. It's a 2008 printing, I can't believe there wasn't enough available info on such a subject to print a least a small page on how one could go about going green on their build. As you can see my criticisms are fairly superficial and if I could I would have put 4 1/2 stars because of this. I highly recommend this book to beginners and seasoned builders alike. It's a great reference to have on hand and for less than \$12 dollars this book is a steal for what it offers you. Myself I will certainly give the other Creative Homeowner series a serious look at because of how well I found this one to be put together, easy to read, lots of illustrations, and tons of details. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Building a play structure By K. Coady This is not a really helpful book for a novice builder. If you already have experience at building things, this book would be fine. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By jrjohn77 Fantastic book with some great plans for backyard play structures. This is the best one I have found yet

Ultimate Guide to Kids' Play Structures and Tree Houses is a complete guide to building a wide range of outdoor play structures, including a central tower to which a swing set and monkey bar can be attached in various configurations or built as stand-alones. In addition, there are various sandboxes, a playhouse, a teeter-totter, a ground-hugging balance beam, a kids'-size picnic table, and a tree house that any kid would love to have. Beginning with chapters on planning, tools, materials, and construction and finishing, the book then presents the projects themselves in lucid presentations that have become Creative Homeowner hallmarks. All projects were designed to conform with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines. For any parent considering play yard equipment, this book is an essential guide.

A richly illustrated, comprehensive guide to creating a wide variety of outdoor play structure...