

Making Mechanical Toys

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Rodney Pepp : Making Mechanical Toys before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Mechanical Toys:

22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Fair to good book By daniel I ramsey I've been making toys, as a hobby, for a couple of years. For the most part, I use ideas from 7-8 books that I have stumbled across. A really good book of clear and concise instructions is a rare find. I would rate this particular book as fair to good in that respect. For my taste and brain function the book is heavy on verbage and a little lacking in good materials measurements. For example, the Charlie Chaplin plan has several inaccurate pattern measurements. The same sort of mistakes are sprinkled throughout. Additionally, some of the mechanisms only function in counter-clockwise motion. I make toys for grandchildren and find this leads to some frustration with young children and some jammed-upped toys. Also, some patterns require "Mamod" flexible belt springs. Apparently, the author is from U.K., since I can't find a domestic source for the spring. That being said, I have made 4 toys using patterns from the book (the author instructs how to

paint the toys, but my taste differs so I ignore those instructions). I have just learned to carefully read the rather long and wordy instructions, then cut the first pivotal piece and use it as a surrogate for additional measurements. The book has nice photos of the toys0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Francisco Aguilaramazing buy0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy karin hurtadoits fantastic!!!!alredy started working

Mechanical toys transcend categories of age with their universal appeal. Whether the mechanism is hidden or revealed, simple or complex, the cycle of movement allows you to simply turn a handle and see the magic work. Making Mechanical Toys explains how to make these wonderful and fascinating toys through a variety of bright and exciting projects. 17 original "gallery" mechanical toys have been designed and made especially for this book, which includes step-by-step instructions with over a 140 color photographs and plans for making the toys. Advice on tools and materials, priming and painting, and tricks of the trade draw upon the authors wide experience.