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Alan Bridgewater, Gill Bridgewater : Making Noah's Ark Toys in Wood before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Noah's Ark Toys in Wood:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good for history and Construction of these Ark Toys By Happy Ten This is an excellent book for anyone that has an interest in authentic Noah's Ark toys. The authors give a reasonably comprehensive history of each of the different types/schools of original Noah's Ark toys. They then go on to explain enough of the specifics to allow just about anyone to tackle making one of these toys. I have some other books by these authors (and I'm contemplating buying another one) and there is a certain style to their illustrations and writing. I didn't have any issues about how they explained making the animals. The bottom line is that creating all of those animals can be a great deal of work whether you go with the simple cut out type or the carved in the round ones. There are a ton of animals if you want to fill your personal ark! I'm a wood turner and didn't see any issues with the description of ring turning. I probably will never do it but I liked seeing how it was originally done. That added to my enjoyment of the book. I also won't be individually carving 100 animals. I'll put that energy into a larger piece of furniture. That doesn't lessen my interest in how the author thinks it should be done. Overall I found the book to be quite good. construction details for each style of ark are pretty well explained and there is a token representation of the type of animals (flat or in the round) that would have been included. There are also some notes on designing your own animals as well as decorating/painting the pieces. Even if you choose to use a string for a tail. Personally I will probably build the Pennsylvania Ark. Partially because it is the simplest to construct and the animals look like the fastest to make but also because I'm interested in the history of the Pennsylvania Germans who populated that

area. Overall I think this is an enjoyable and very good book on building these Ark Toys. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Simple to make and wonderfully creative toys By toymaker john I love this book and I especially love the designs of the toys. The ark and toys are easy to make with simple tools and most any toymaker like myself can figure out the details that aren't covered in the book. What an inspiration to me to see such a variety of ideas to work from! I also bought a dinosaur book that has simple toys like this to make and have had a lot of fun adding some of the characters to the ark. The Toy Wizard's Favorite Scroll Saw Patterns for Toy Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Creatures. I love toymaking and both of these books are a great addition to any toymaker's library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Intricately carved lions with string tails? By E. Tagg This book is quite inspirational for the art work, but it fails as an instructional work. I doubt if Mr Bridgewater has ever ring turned wooden animals! One would need years almost to complete an ark he describes. For example the intricate carving on the back of the crocodile. The very essence of this type of toymaking was a few clean cuts of the knife, cleverly creating an animal with the least effort, with no sanding whatsoever. I think a novice would be put off carving and turning for quite some time if he/she attempted to ring turn and carve by this instruction. To sum up I can't help thinking that the Bridgewaters are very cleverly milking sources with no practical input of their own. I don't believe they are woodcarvers in their own right.

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