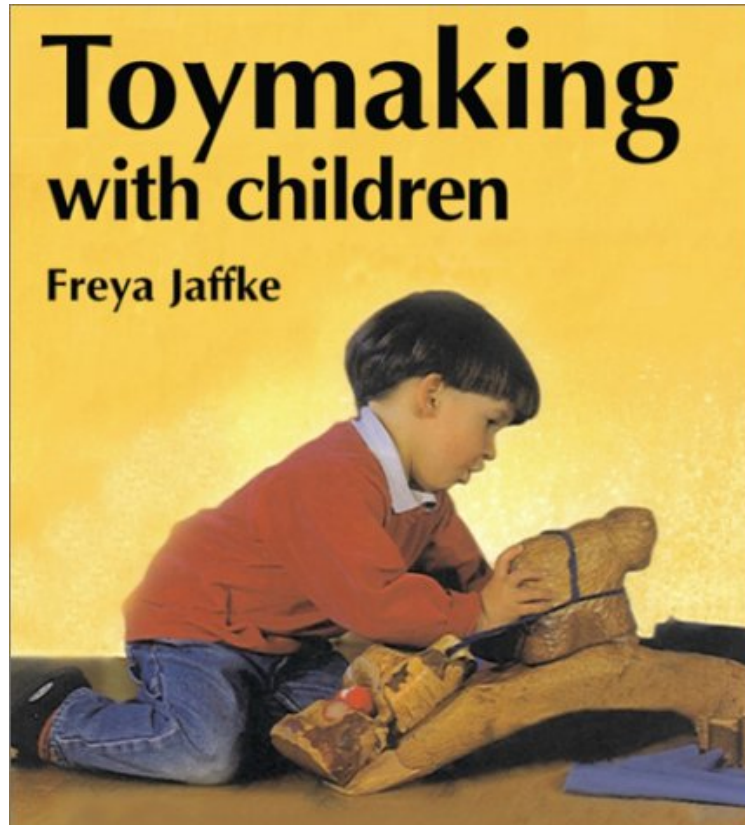


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Freya Jaffke : Toymaking with Children before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Toymaking with Children:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. WonderfulBy JenniferI bought the book initially thinking it might be a source of woodworking projects for my husband and son to share. I'm not sure if my husband has even looked at it yet. Once I started reading it I took it over. I love this book! The author gives great information about play and includes wonderful, and varied projects to fill an entire playroom. I read it and immediately went to work gathering and creating many of the suggested toys. The difference in the way my children approach play was instantly noticeable. We've enjoyed making many of the toys together. Before reading the book I was sold on simple toys that allowed children to use their imagination as much as possible. I didn't however, have a strong value for making my own toys. After knitting a donkey to the wonder of my 2-year-old daughter and sitting at the table sanding and finishing a set of "building logs" with my 4-year-old son, I was sold. The toys we made together are imbued with the warmth of spending time together. They use them more often and more creatively than any toys we've bought for them. I'm so glad I bought this book.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. From a knitters perspective...By JoyI bought this book for the knitting patterns and let me say that the cost is worth the patterns alone! The animal knitting patterns are in the very back of the book. There are directions for a sheep, horse, hen and rooster, pig, cat,

donkey and duck. There is also a pattern for making a knitted doll body, and a crochet pattern for making a "crown headband". The patterns are quite easy to understand and even a beginner can follow them (except for the crown headband, which took even me a while to figure out, but I'm not that good at crochet). There are drawings to help you out, and tips for stuffing your knitted animal. Some issues I have are: 1. There are no directions for lamb ears, and 2. The cat ears could have been more clearly explained. For the lamb ears I cast on 2 or 3 stitches and knit back and forth in garter stitch until they are the proper length, then sew them on. As for the cat ears, you just have to wing it! :D All in all, this is a very sweet book, very Waldorf-y and simple in that dear sort of way. :) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. SimpleBy Evelyn Uyemura I bought this for the knitted-animal patterns, and since it was very inexpensive, I am satisfied. The patterns are: a simple doll's body, a sheep, a horse, a chicken, a pig, a cat, a donkey, and a duck. These are highly simplified shapes, meant to evoke a child's imagination. They are not realistically detailed. Many of the other toys are also very simple, such as a piece of wood hand-carved to make a doll's chair.

The toys surrounding a child during the first five years of life are of great importance. They awaken the imagination and stimulate creativity. Out of her long experience as a kindergarten teacher Freya Jaffke makes numerous suggestions for making a wide variety of toys, including ideas for making wooden boats, log trains, doll's furniture, rag dolls, puppets and soft animals. This greatly expanded edition is an excellent handbook with plenty of ideas for the parents of young children.

'One of the simplest, clearest, and most essential books on toys and play that I have ever read.' -- The Peridot 'This greatly expanded edition is an excellent handbook with plenty of ideas for teachers and the parents of young children.' -- Kindling, the Journal for Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood, Spring/Summer 2003. 'Freya Jaffke managed to breathe her many years experience as a master Waldorf kindergarten teacher into a volume capable of inspiring, guiding and reassuring new parents toward a balanced, beautiful life with their children. This is a hands-on approach that is deeply suited to working with and understanding young children. This is a book to enjoy in the deepest sense of the word, and makes an excellent companion to *Work and Play in Early Childhood*. The new edition adds colour photographs, more toys to make (more joy to bring!), and wonderful discussions of which toys to give to children at what ages, how to create a beautiful, nurturing environment, even tips for clean-up! I have loved this book since it was first published -- this most recent incarnation elevates it from "wonderful" to "must have".' -- Bob and Nancy's Bookshop (www.waldorfbooks.com) About the Author Freya Jaffke's books on early childhood have sold more than a quarter of a million copies.