

Traditional Toys: Over 20 Classic Designs for Woodworkers

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George Buchanan : Traditional Toys: Over 20 Classic Designs for Woodworkers before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Traditional Toys: Over 20 Classic Designs for Woodworkers:

This book should be of interest to both the amateur woodworker and the more experienced craftsman. It shows how to make over 20 classic children's toys, ranging in complexity from relatively simple building blocks, to the more ambitious paddle steamer or shiny red fire-engine. There are toys to sit on and drive, toys to play with in the water, toys to stack and toys to admire. George Buchanan is the author of "The Furniture Repair Manual" and "Garden Furniture".

From Booklist The toys whose plans make up this book are a real advance from the junk usually found in similar titles. Those hankering to make some one-of-a-kind toys for children or grandchildren will find much to keep themselves occupied and be proud of should they successfully complete the projects. Of course, these toys are designed not to be played with but to be put out of youngsters' reach so that hours of serious work won't get busted up in fun. It would be painful for woodworkers to see toy cars they made according to one of these plans get tossed around by some tyke or the lavish dollhouse herein get trashed in a game of "DEA wastes suspected crack house." The boats in this book won't

sink--but the kids could play "ocean liner catches fire in the mid-Atlantic." Face it: If you're going to build anything from this book, it might be a good idea to give it away or sell it with the idea of never seeing it again. Jon Kartman