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Stick Making: A Complete Course



Synopsis

Find and season the wood; fix flaws; shape and straighten sticks; cut wood to size; fit a ferrule; form a handle; and varnish the finished item. Begin with a vee-shaped thumbstick, or dip in anywhereâ™ youâ™ll find simple, one-piece walking sticks, four cardigan sticks, wooden crooks and market sticks, ramâ™s horn and antler sticks, buffalo and ramâ™s horn crooks, carved sticks in wood and horn, and a medley of fancier models.

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Customer Reviews

By: RevitStick Making, A Complete Course by Andrew Jones and Clive George is a wonderful and tremendously useful book. I liked my first copy so much that I bought a second copy and sent it to a friend who makes sticks. The book covers finding, cutting and seasoning wood to make sticks: removing bark, straightening sticks and the importance and usefulness of burls, branching roots, and nicely textured bark. It is true that some of the species recommended may not be at hand where you live, but suitable species with similar characteristics can usually be found. The book goes on to describe various forms and styles of sticks: thumb sticks, which have a Ã¢ÂÂ¢Ã¢ÂÂ¢ shaped branching at the top, one piece walking sticks, sticks with a knob or bent handle at the top, one piece Cardigan Sticks, wooden crooks for controlling sheep and market sticks to show off ones importance to friends (crooks are always longer than market sticks). The book explores various forms and materials for handles as well as methods of forming them and attaching them to the stick.

The handle is often of utmost importance and may be bent, shaped, or carved as needed to enhance the aesthetic quality of the stick. Often exotic materials such as Rams Horn or Buffalo Horn find their way into the handle which is then shaped carefully to achieve the highest possible aesthetic appeal. Sometimes the handle takes the form of a carving of a favorite dog's head. Ultimately the handle becomes the crowning glory of the stick and the stick becomes an important part of its owner's life. Stick Making is a wonderful book that deserves a place on your shelf if you have any interest at all in walking sticks, even if your interest is only in a fine stick as an important part of a gentleman's attire.

Beautiful, fully explained how to book by a mastercraftsman. Highly recommend.

This is a very good book on the subject, and overall it is what a beginner who wants to make sticks needs. Where it falls short is on wood selection - it is limited to England. It does however mention other woods. I would prefer that section to be extended. I have not tried all the techniques mentioned in the book yet, but reading the book makes them sound straight forward. I'd recommend this book to whomever is interested in the subject.

My stick making bible!

Nice book

Very informative

Nice

Good book, some very basic but most of it is right on. Parts included are new excellent info.
Recommended for the stick maker

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