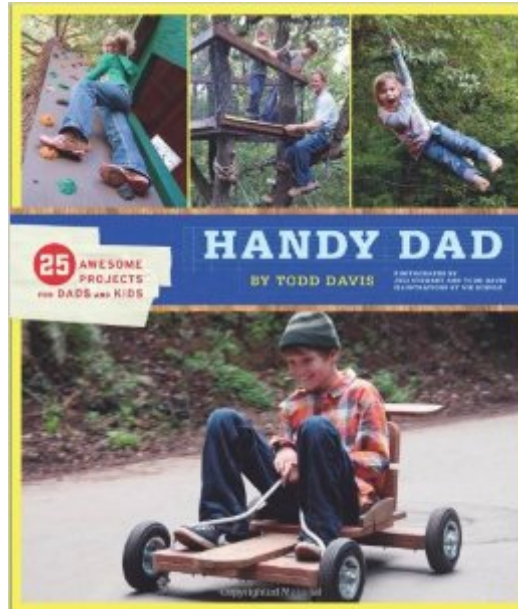


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# Handy Dad: 25 Awesome Projects For Dads And Kids



## Synopsis

Skate ramps, zip lines, go-carts, and more! In this super-fun book, Todd Davis extreme sports athlete and host of HGTV's Over Your Head presents 25 awesome projects for dads to build with their kids. Busy dads can choose projects that range from simple to challenging and take anywhere from five minutes to a full weekend. Readers are given all the directions they need to grab materials that can be found around the house or at the local hardware store and get to work banging up a sweet BMX ramp or half-pipe, building a tree house or tire swing, or throwing together a slip-and-slide or tie-dye station for an afternoon of fun. With plenty of color photographs, easy-to-follow instructions, and detailed illustrations, Handy Dad is chock-full of creative and inexpensive ways to keep kids (and dads) entertained for hours.

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## Customer Reviews

Without knowing anything about wood working, I jumped into a "weekend project" in the middle of the book. The pirate treasure chest/toy box looked easy enough, so I copied the shopping list and went to Home Depot. \$70 later I had the materials. After 9 hours of work, I had a finished toy box that looks very much like the one in the pics. It's a quality piece, built by an idiot. (attaching pic above) Handy Dad has tons of helpful pics, and the directions are thorough. The projects vary in complexity, but everyone should be able to do at least half of them. Material costs will vary, but a cost estimate on each project would have been nice. Still, great book. Edit: I built the skateboard project (pic above), also a "weekend project." It looks great and rides even better. It only took 5

hours, some of which was selecting parts. There's a ton of variety in skateboard stuff, so I talked to the people at a local Zumiez shop. I selected good quality beginner stuff, and spent around \$170 after tax including the wood. Keep in mind, a nice longboard starts at \$200. Just semi-pro trucks start \$100 each. This could be a \$600 skateboard, or I priced it as low as \$60 if you use all cheap stuff. I guess this is why there are no price estimates; costs will vary depending on the builder. Also, the author likes lpe wood for some of these projects, but my local WoodCraft didn't have any. They suggested Brazilian Cherry could do the same thing. Finally, I tried to use one smaller size drill bit than what the instructions said. I figured the hardware wouldn't be loose in the deck that way, but then they wouldn't even go in the holes. Turns out the directions are spot on.

Handy Dad: 25 Awesome Projects for Dads and Kids is a user-friendly compendium of construction projects that dads (or moms, uncles/aunts, grandparents, or anyone else!) can create to promote quality playtime activities with children. From a backyard rope swing, to a bird feeder, a tree house, a half-pipe, or even a tie-dye shirt, the ideas range from toys that promote physical activity to delightful personal keepsakes. (Not all of the projects involve woodworking, although many do.) Older children can even participate in the joy of building something with one's own hands, under close supervision of course. Each project listing spells out the needed tools and materials and where to find them, along with step-by-step instructions. Full color photographs illustrate this wonderful guide to tapping into one's creativity to spend quality time with children. The perfect antidote to a world oversaturated with television and video games, Handy Dad is highly recommended.

This was a Christmas present for my hubby who is a contractor. I searched through a few different books before landing on this one. I'd say it's geared a bit more towards a construction savvy Dad, the projects can be a bit complex (like building a half pipe) and if you don't have tools around it'd be a better to find a more craft type Dad book. I loved the range of projects in this book and my hubby loves it.

My sons gave this to my husband for Christmas to start some male bonding time. There are all types of projects in there from ones that take an hour to much larger ones. They have been able to adapt projects they see in the book to what would best fit their ages, as well. Fun read for dads and an inspiration to get kids excited about planning and building!

I think this book is useful for any dad with limited or no building experience. It's worth the price if you're a novice or beginner at projects like the ones listed here. I would not recommend it to anyone with experience in similar type projects

This is a detailed book! I guess I was expecting a picture book with IDEAS about things to do with kids. It's instructions, step-by-step, page by page for completing the projects. It's a good resource to keep around for the coming years. Our kids are 2 and 10 months, and most of the ideas are aimed at older kids, so I think it will get used more later.

I got this book while looking for fun projects to do with my grand kids. We haven't done all of the exciting projects listed in the book but have had a fantastic time doing the ones completed so far. Since we've owned the book, we've had it displayed on our coffee table and have had multiple people say that they also have purchased the book and have had great experiences using it. In addition, several friends have scanned through it and have asked how they might purchase one also. We know of three folks who have purchased several copies as gifts for their family and friends. We have one friend who gives the book to families with children who purchase homes through her real estate efforts. This book makes a great gift and is also a fun book to scan for interesting projects. Kids love it!

The ideas are GREAT! But for my family, most projects are unrealistic. Simpler and easier projects are common projects you can think of or find from other source (video, website, books). Larger scale projects (weekend project it called in the book) are unique but require a working space, large yard (maybe half acre+, large trees), tools (maybe professional), budgets, handy skills, time (maybe more than weekend, for some people more than a few weeks) and more! For some people it may not be easy to follow the text instruction with a few images.

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