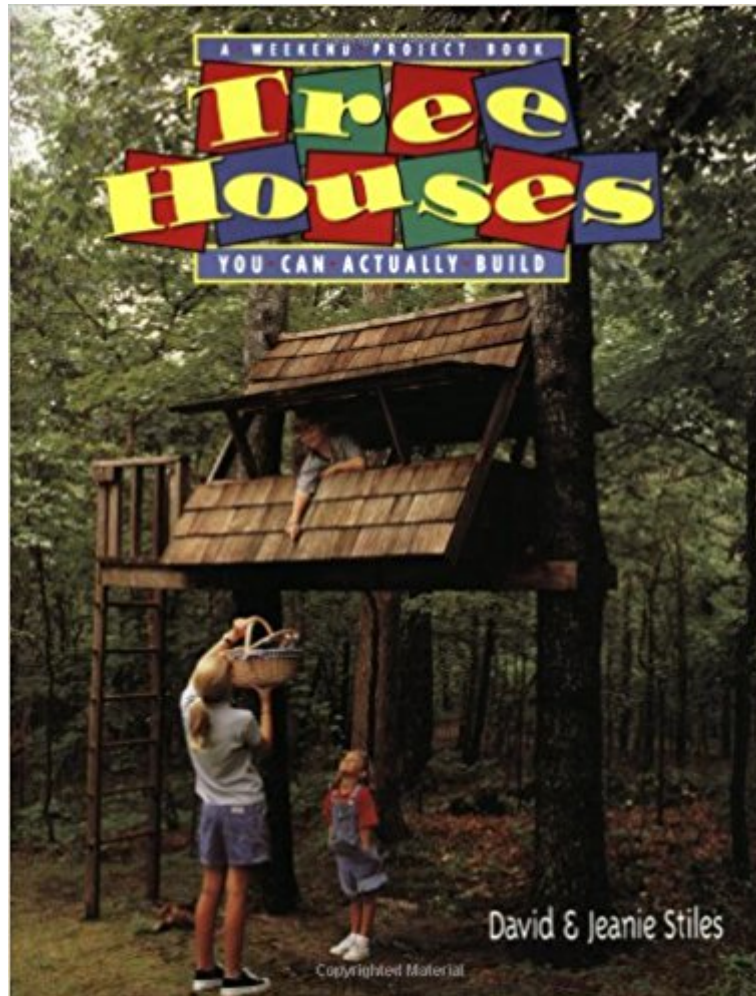




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Tree Houses You Can Actually Build: A Weekend Project Book



Synopsis

Tree houses capture the imagination of the child in all of us, and they have never been more popular than they are today. This inspirational yet thoroughly practical guide shows even the most inexperienced weekend carpenter how to design and build a lifetime of memories for the entire family. With more than 200,000 copies of their popular Weekend Project Books sold, David and Jeanie Stiles have become America's First Couple of do-it-yourself woodworking. In *Tree Houses You Can Actually Build*, they explain basic building procedures through clear, simple instructions and non-technical line drawings that illustrate every step of the project, from the earliest sketches to the final cedar shingle. The authors outline five basic designs that can be adapted to virtually any set of conditions, and throughout the book, they emphasize safety for both adults and children. In addition to line drawings, the book contains a section of full-color photographs highlighting a variety of tree house projects, plus helpful building tips based on interviews with their owners.

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Customer Reviews

No BioDavid Stiles earned a bachelor degree in industrial design from Pratt Institute, and is a designer, builder, architectural renderer, and writer and illustrator. Together with wife Jeanie, collectively known as America's First Couple of Do-It-Yourself Building Projects. David has written 13 books on woodworking, which include *Storey's Garden Retreats* and the popular *Rustic*

Retreats. Combined, these 13 books have sold nearly 300,000 copies. Additionally, David's articles have appeared in publications such as Better Homes & Gardens, House Beautiful, Country Living, Cottage Life, and the New York Times Magazine. He is a member of the Friends of the Society of Illustrators.

This is a simple, easy to understand book about building tree houses. I bought it for my son since he and a friend decided they needed to build a tree house. Ironically, my husband hates to do this type of thing so I have had to figure out how to build a tree house! Since I have not building experience at all, this has been an interesting project. However, we are getting it done with the help of the book! It is still in process so I will let you know how it goes. I would not have known how to even begin if it were not for the help of this book!!

So I have told my children two years running- either their dad or I would help them make a tree house. I guess the chips have fallen and I'm the tree house building. So this is it. This is the book I bought so that I could start educating myself on tree house building safety and final product safety and ideas for building a simple tree house. This has been an excellent resource and I believe I'm going to be able to help my children begin building a tree house this summer. I have garnered several ideas, we have agreed on a floor plan (Square) and we have started gathering our supplies. I agree with the other reviewer who said 'if you can only have one book about building a tree house, let it be this one.' There are color pictures similar to the one on the cover of tree houses that people have actually built. There are floor plans and suggestions and helps. I particularly liked the diagrams and drawings because that helped me picture what it was I am hoping to do when I buy my wood and start making a tree house. Enjoy.

Great book. Love the ideas and the organization of concepts. The only reason I gave it 4 stars rather than 5 is because I wish it had more photos. More ideas and maybe even suggest resources to get critical hardware. Overall a very good book and I'm glad I picked it up before I start my project for the grandkids.

I really like this book because the plans are simple enough they really do look doable. Other books on this topic are so complex, you might look at them, but you wouldn't really think of taking them on. I have bought and given three copies of these books to give to my kids, and my grandchildren have really enjoyed having the books for inspiration.

This is the best book for dreaming! Our family loves to sit and look at this book together. It inspires all kinds of talks about what kind of tree house we hope to one day have. Whether we'll ever have a beautiful tree house similar to the ones depicted in these pictures, or not, the book has given us countless hours of warm friendly family time, just talking and dreaming together!

Really cool book. Lots of pictures and great instructions. I especially like that this book focuses a lot on teaching the kids how to build parts of their treehouses with things they find in the woods. Less lumber expense for mom and dad :)

Great book with excellent photos and actual technical help. You still need to have basic carpentry skills and tools, but with enough common sense and patience, this will result in you actually being able to construct a tree house.

The book is easy to follow. The illustrations and the examples are excellent. All the practical tips are very useful, especially if you don't have much construction experience. So far I have started building a tree house using the "one tree" design starting on page 62. There are a few things that I am doing differently. I don't like using ladder. I use 2.5ft tall workbench to stand tall, and I started the base frame at 6ft off the ground. I recommend using stable platform to stand on, over a ladder. Also, I was able to plan out all the lumber I need and realized that it would cost me \$300 to make the tree house. So I went looking for used lumber and so far I have saved about ~\$150.

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