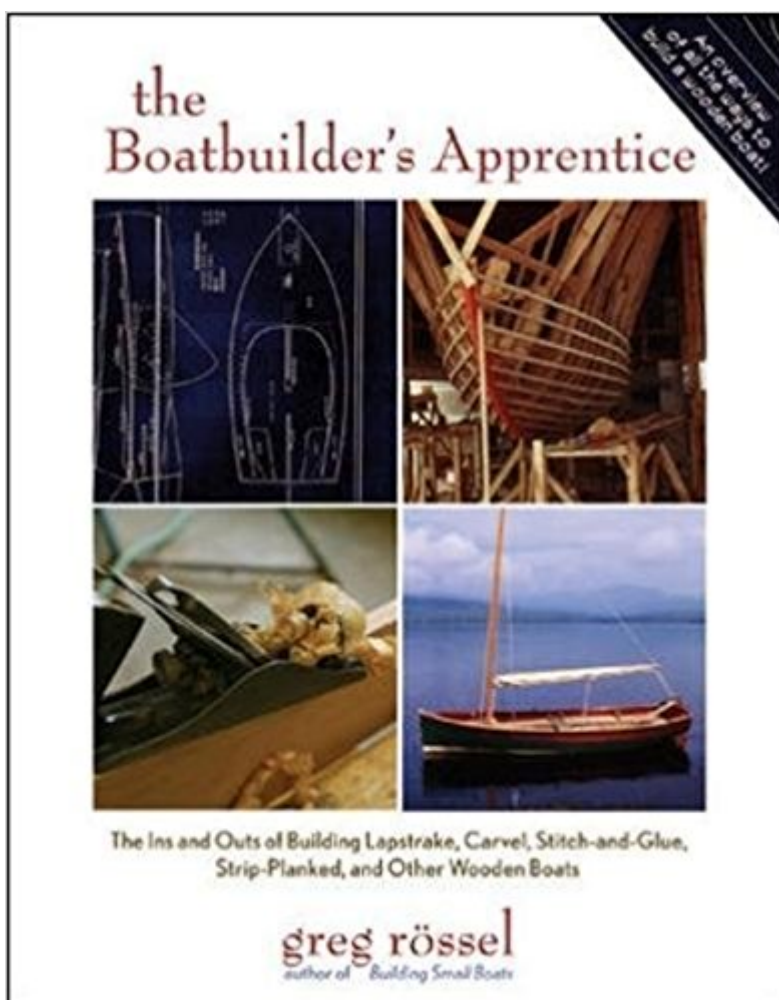


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The Boatbuilder's Apprentice: The Ins And Outs Of Building Lapstrake, Carvel, Stitch-and-Glue, Strip-Planked, And Other Wooden Boats (International Marine-RMP)





Synopsis

Learn the Ins and Outs of Building Lapstrake, Carvel, Stitch-and-Glue, Strip-Planked, and Other Wooden Boats Whether you are contemplating your first-ever boatbuilding project or trying to decide what design you'd like to build next, Greg Ruffissel can help. Here's just a glimpse of what's inside this complete overview of wooden boatbuilding: How rowing, sailing, paddling, and powerboat designs perform, and how they compare in cost, time, and necessary skills for building How wooden boats are built, including the pros and cons of carvel, lapstrake, dory lap, stitch and glue, strip plank, and other methods How to choose the best boat and building method for your next project How to loft a hull, steam bend frames, scarf a joint, cut a rabbet, laminate stems, and splice planks How to take the lines off an old classic whose plans have been lost How to make oars, spars, coamings, knees, gaff jaws, cleats, and more Greg Ruffissel writes with warmth, wit, and an engaging style. The Boatbuilder's Apprentice is a must guide for anyone planning or even dreaming about building a wooden boat. "Greg Ruffissel is a Renaissance man. While there are many talented boatbuilders in the world, only a handful are also good teachers. Even fewer can write or illustrate effectively. Yet this author is highly skilled in each of these areas. . . . The Boatbuilder's Apprentice is a successful blend of technique and wisdom, and is, I believe, destined to become a classic." -Karen Wales, WoodenBoat Review

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There is a peculiar form of insomnia that afflicts amateur boatbuilders. It consists of lying awake at night, reviewing the details of a boatbuilding project and wondering, "How am I going to do that?" Greg Rassel helps answer those questions. Wooden boats have been called "the most lifelike" of man's creations. Their beauty can inspire even inexperienced woodworkers to attempt their construction, but their complexity can bedevil the most determined. In *The Boatbuilder's Apprentice*, longtime *WoodenBoat* writer and professional boatbuilder Greg Rassel helps weekend builders choose the best boat design and construction method for their first, second, or twentieth project. Beginning with the question, 'why wood?', and focusing on wooden boats less than 20 feet long, Greg provides a complete overview of the methods used to build small wooden boats, from traditional carvel or lapstrake planking to modern stitch-and-glue, strip-planked, glued-lap, cold molding, and others. He discusses their pros and cons, their adaptability to different boat types, and their degrees of difficulty in both construction and maintenance. He explains the basics of boat design and of hull form and function and helps the beginner decide which type of boat will best suit his or her needs, skills, and desires. Greg also covers the essentials of every boatbuilding project, including: Tools, wood types, fasteners, adhesives, and coatings; Shop setup and safety; Whether to build right-side up or upside down; How to go about steam bending, cutting rabbets, scarfing, and laminating; Oar and spar making; Building knees, gaff jaws, and cleats, and taking the lines off an old classic. Writing with wit and an engaging style, Rassel makes light work of that most feared of all processes for the beginning boatbuilder-lofting. He shares his extensive experience on problem solving, shows you how to work efficiently, and offers hundreds of ingenious techniques for surmounting age-old difficulties. He also includes a glossary as well as an extensive appendix of sources for plans and materials.

Greg Rassel is the author of *Building Small Boats*, coauthor of *Kayaks You Can Build*, and a long-time contributor to *WoodenBoat* magazine.

Got this book for my husband at Christmas. He's always wanted to build a wood boat and he wanted several books to gather information and opinions. This was one of two. My husband really liked the information and photos in this book. It arrived quickly and in good condition with some other items I had ordered. It was not wrapped or protected, but it made it. I will update with any further thoughts my husband might add

Appears to be a rehash of an early book by Mr. Rossel and not very in depth. Much better books out

there, including his earlier and very good book "Building Small Boats.

A ton of info crammed into one book. While it doesn't cover everything, it is a jump point to learning. It gives a good reference to different styles and methods.

This is a great book for anyone wanting to learn about building a wooden boat

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Well written and illustrated, Balanced approach to the assorted methods of boat building, recommended. A classic in the forthcoming years.

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