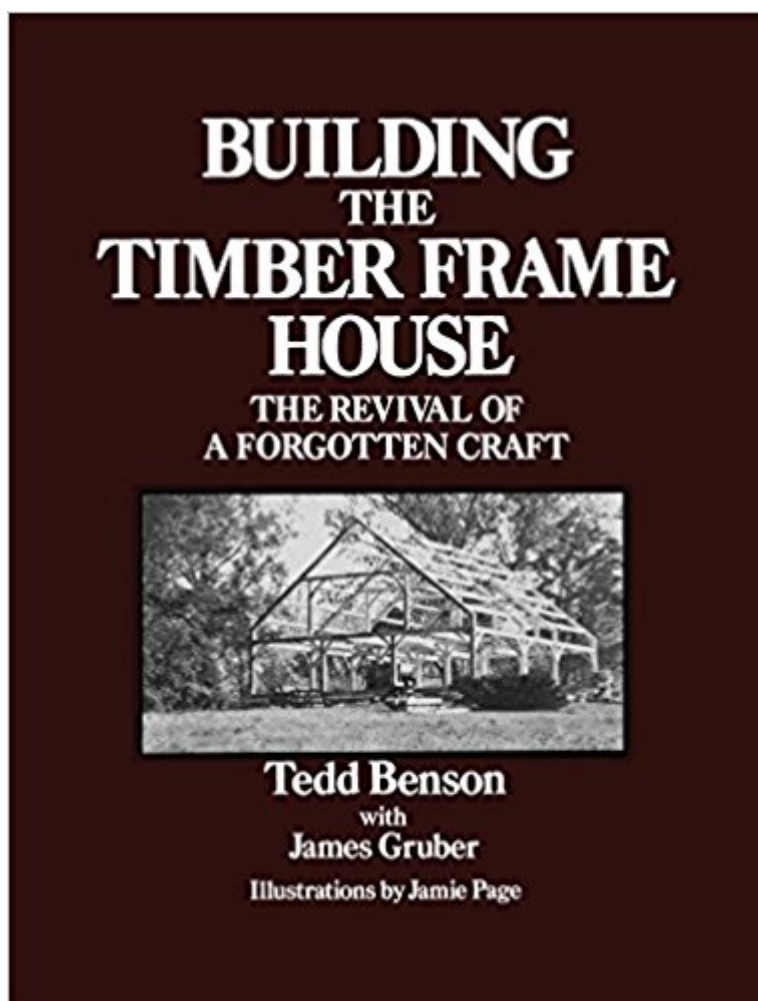


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# Building The Timber Frame House: The Revival Of A Forgotten Art



## Synopsis

For centuries, post-and-beam construction has proved to be one of the most durable building techniques. It is being enthusiastically revived today not only for its sturdiness but because it can be easily insulated, it is attractive, and it offers the builder the unique satisfaction of working with timbers. Building the Timber Frame House is the most comprehensive manual available on the technique. In it you will find a short history, of timber framing and a fully illustrated discussion of the different kinds of joinery, assembly of timbers, and raising of the frame. There are also detailed sections on present-day design and materials, house plans, site development, foundation laying, insulation, tools, and methods.

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Boston Globe If you've been in an old barn and marveled at the great beams and posts, then you know what a timber frame is....Building the Timber Frame House...is a brilliant book on two levels, as a history and philosophical raison d'etre of timber-frame construction...and [as] a no-nonsense, how-to guide.Building and Remodeling Instructions are so complete that if you have (or can command) basic carpentry skills, this could be your sole house-building source.Popular Science A delightful handbook.

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different kinds of joinery, assembly of timbers, and raising of the frame. There are also detailed sections on present-day design and materials, house plans, site development, foundation laying, insulation, tools, and methods.

This book is an outstanding resource for anyone with basic carpentry skills who is looking to build a timber frame structure. It will not convert you into a grand master overnight, but careful reading of this book will prevent you from dying under a pile of collapsed 2x6's. Contrary to what some posters have stated, this book provides a wealth of technical data. However, it also explores the spiritual side of working with wood and building such structures. What this book will not do is tell you how to use a cross-cut hand saw, or the appropriate use of a slick. But it's not exactly rocket science.

After some additional hands on training, this book will be my number one reference for building my own timber frame home.

Lots of information, for the do it yourself, but missing crucial information on design of the building. Can't build it unless you have a reasonable/safe/legally compliant design. Also the great majority of the black & white pictures are useless: lack definition, clarity to the point of negating one the opportunity to follow the text.

Great timber framing book with amazing detail, a book I keep picking up referring to. From a leader in the industry, his knowledge and experience, makes this book a definite read

Best timber framing resource by far. This doesn't tell you how to build a shed, but provides all the info for building a home.

Excellent book. Detailed illustrations of all the classic joints, along with information on where and when to use them, and even step by step instructions for how to measure and cut them. Beautiful photos and illustrations, span tables in the appendices, everything is laid out very clear and simple.

This book is one of the classics on Timber Framing for those who want to get into this type of construction or build their own house. It is a very easy read. Though sometimes the author tends towards too much philosophy about life, construction and wood working. This book has very useful sections on joinery, design, raising, engineering, load physics, etc. Very easy to understand even if,

like me, you are not a professional carpenter, contractor or mechanical engineer. I know nothing of contracting or building and understood the whole book. The book does not mention anything about Scribe Rule and Square Rule techniques and the differences between the two. These old techniques may not have been widely known when this book was written, although they were well known by early timber frame carpenters, before Timber Framing was replaced with cheaper, but faster Balloon Framing. A book that does go into Square Rule in a more structured way and is equally easy to read is *Buid a Classic Timber-Framed House*, by Jack Sobon.

Really good engineering examples and diagrams for the student of timber framing to give it a try without an expensive course or extensive experience. A do it yourself kind of read.

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