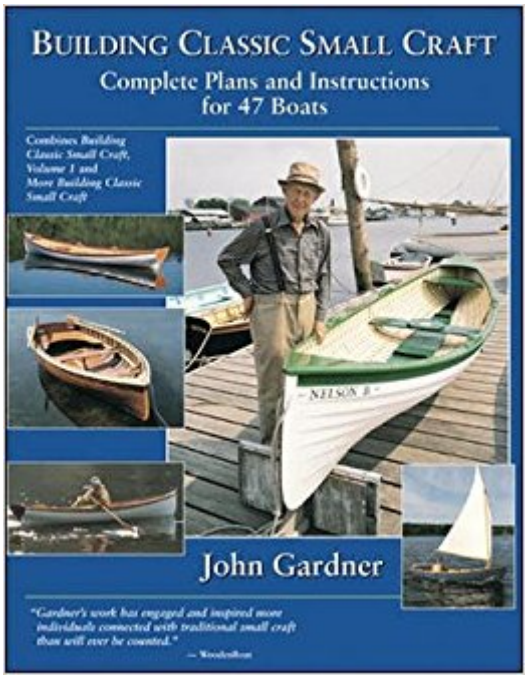
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Very good book. Well written and easy to understand. I definitely would recommend this to anyone who is interested in building a wooden boat.

- Author storytelling abilities are great so this book is a pleasure to read.- there is a lot of valuable boatbuilding material inside, thou as it is contained within boat’s construction notes, it’s hard to extract. This book will not be a reference manual.- Boat’s construction methods are not so classic. There is a lot of plywood and epoxy.- Selection of designs was rather unsatisfying for me. There are wonderful rowboat designs (peapods, whitehalls) but it lacks in sailboat area. If you are not sailboat maniac you will find interesting designs on all levels of difficulty, after all.- The level of details vary from design to design. Some are very complete step by step guides, others only rough sketches.- As the book is about small craft there is little information about heavier backbone member construction. But to tell the truth I haven’t found any book that would be satisfying in this field.- For me, notes at the end (boatbuilder’s planes) were one of the most interesting and part of the whole volume (along with boat’s and builder’s histories).

Good info.

I doubt I’d try to build a boat with only these plans, but the descriptions, photos, and illustrations spark the imagination in a wonderful way. If you are trying to decide on a boat to build, this book shows a marvelous variety of classic American small boats that deserve consideration. Gardener’s writing is engaging and taut. I’m very happy to have it in my library. What a wonderful reference!

Another well done book by John Gardner on the building and use of the different models of the dory

What a great book! I had a hard time putting this book down and find myself going back often to compare boat designs. John Gardner places great value on traditional techniques but does mention modern materials once in a while. Still, I wonder if some of these boats could be built lighter with less solid wood and more marine plywood then he recommends. There are enough different designs to satisfy most boat builders. The plans are excellent in detail but too small really for construction purposes. You will need to loft them with care.

I was very impressed with the types and number of craft that were in this book and how well explained they were with measurements and pictures. i do recommend this to the beginner boat builders. be aware that in each boat mentioned he throws in a bit of history on the boat. which is cool.

This collection of complete boat plans, instructions, and boat-building tips is simply wonderful. Mr. Gardner was a man with the common touch and the ability to communicate clearly--all of these boats are aimed at the "amateur" builder. He has no axes to grind; his designs include all of the traditional construction techniques plus glued plywood and taped seam plywood; there are rowboats, sailboats, and powerboats. The articles are also sprinkled with historical and editorial commentary. I’m reading it for the fourth (or is it fifth?) time. When I finish my canoe...

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