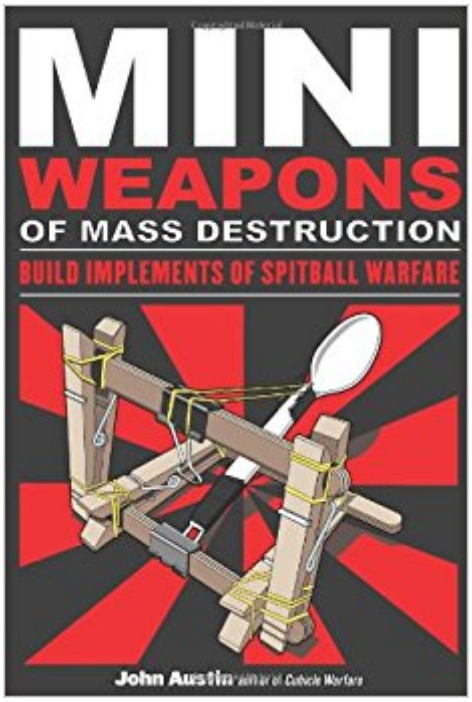
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Mini Weapons Of Mass Destruction: Build Implements Of Spitball Warfare



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Synopsis

PopularMechanics.com selection for one of The Best DIY and Home Improvement Books of 2009Ã Â Ã Â WeÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve come a long way from the Peashooter Era: with the advent of modern household products and office supplies—binder clips, clothespins, rubber bands, ballpoint pens, toothpicks, paper clips, plastic utensils, and (of course) matches and barbeque lighters—troublemakers of all stripes have the components needed to build an impressive, if somewhat miniaturized, arsenal.Ã Â Toy designer John Austin provides detailed, step-by-step instructions for each project, including materials and ammo lists, clear diagrams, and construction tips, for mayhem-loving MacGyvers. The 35 devices include catapults, slingshots, minibombs, darts, and combustion shooters. Build a tiny trebuchet from paper clips and a D-cell battery. Wrap a penny in a string of paper caps to create a surprisingly impressive “bomb.Ã¢â ¬Â• Several of the projects even include variations where combatants mount laser pointer sights to their shooters to increase their accuracy.Ã Â Finally, once youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve built your armory, the author provides plans for a Top Secret Concealing Book to hide your stash, as well as targets for shooting practice. Never let your personal space go undefended again!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"One must assert dominion over their desktop. Between the instructions provided in John Austin's book and access to your company's office supplies cabinet, you need tolerate no threat to the

security of your cubicle."Ã Â —William Gurstelle, author, Absinthe & Flamethrowers and Backyard Ballistics"We love this MacGyverization of office supplies, and the book is probably the perfect Christmas gift for the man who has nothing, or the cubicle monkey in your life."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Charlie Sorrel, Wired.com "Mini Weapons is the Holy Grail: a beautifully illustrated guide for making all manner of miniature munitions, from slingshots and catapults to mines and bazookas, with supplies that can be found in any household, office, or classroom."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Gizmodo.com"Learn how to build an arsenal of weapons from office supplies and junk-drawer items in an effort to annoy your coworkers, family and friends."Ã Â —Draft Magazine"Cubicle farms are full of enemy combatants begging to be taken out."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Wired Magazine"These inexpensive ideas are fun for all ages and can inspire the kid in all of us."Ã Â —Appleton Post Crescent"Take your cubicle wars past the archaic stage of just spitballs and elastic bands with John Austin’s book, Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction."Ã Â —OhGizmo.com"Nothing inside that will land you on the FBI watch list. (We dont think)."Ã Â —Urbandaddy.com

John Austin is a professional toy designer and author of Cubical Warfare and Prank University.

Such a great book. For Christmas we purchased this book for my son, and we included a box full of all the ingredients the book listed for making the different projects. (Most of which we were able to buy at the dollar store) Hours and hours of creative fun. The instructions are clear and easy to follow. The supplies required are easy to acquire. The projects are fun to play with when they are completed. I highly recommend this book for any boy or girl in your life who likes to tinker.

My 18 year old son found this present wrapped up under the tree and came to tell me he didn’t like reading books, why did I buy him a book for Christmas? So, after a few hours (and knowing I had others stashed away) I decided I would give it to him early just to see his reaction. As he’s opening it he’s stressing again how much he doesn’t like books and asking why I bought him a book ... and then ... he just freezes and reads the cover of the book. He then looks up at me with half a smile and starts opening the book up skimming through the pages, then says, "hmmm, I’ll probably read this, thanks! I was wondering why you were buying me books."It was well worth the $12 seeing his face (not to mention the fact that I’m now cool) and getting him to crack a book again after High School. ;)

This book appeals to the young and the young at heart. It has a huge variety of things that can be constructed using office supplies, spoons, clothes pins, and Popsicle sticks. The projects are very well explained and do not take long to assemble. It is important to note that not all clothes pins and binder clips are the same size and so some of the projects may require adaptation based on individual materials. I would recommend this book.

I found this book to be awesome and it really gave me the edge in my current office war. Please use caution as some of these weapons are extremely accurate and deadly. In particular the "BB" pen there are actually several holes in our office walls and one embedded in the back of a co-workers seat. Have fun but always remember what momma used to say "It’s all fun and games til someone losses an eye" with this book it’s bound to happen. And just as a little bit of info that may come in handy in the future Wal-Mart has eye patches for $2.59.....Happy hunting!!!!ElCortez

I purchased his for my son and he can’t stop reading through it. My husband also loves it. They two of them have been crafting in the basement every weekend since we received the book. They made a target and took their creations outside for target practice.

Bought this for my 9 year as a reward for good grades. Based on the description and the reviews I thought this seemed like fun things he could make and use with a little common sense. However, my husband (who has some experience blowing stuff up!) about had a fit when he saw the chapters on bombs and combustion shooters. There are some fairly dangerous projects in there, so make sure your little anarchist has some common sense, good supervision, and limited access to some of the components in the more dangerous stuff. Had I been able to look at all the projects I may have thought twice about buying this for my kid.My son was very happy with the book, and quickly built the ink pen bow. It worked well and the instructions were simple to understand. This is a great book for boys to use with their dads...even older kids who sometimes have more smarts than common sense. If you are buying for a kid just keep his personality in mind when doing so!

Bought this for my 10 year old son who loves it! He has successfully made many of the weapons and has had a lot of fun doing so. This is a great alternative to spending time staring at a screen. I ordered multiple books to give as presents and they are always very well received, both by boys and their parents. I do get a bit annoyed as my son keeps taking apart pens and pencils to use while building the devices but, I put up with it as I think he is learning while having fun!

This is pretty much a must-have for most boys. My nine year old giggles with delight at his creations. He builds great little weapons with his friends and loves that he can find the materials he needs around the house by himself. This book has allowed him to create things he has always wanted to make - it is easy to follow and great fun. The directions are clear and the needed materials are everyday household items, such as plastic spoons, lighters, cloths pins, and rubber bands. I would highly recommend this little gem of destruction!! :)

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