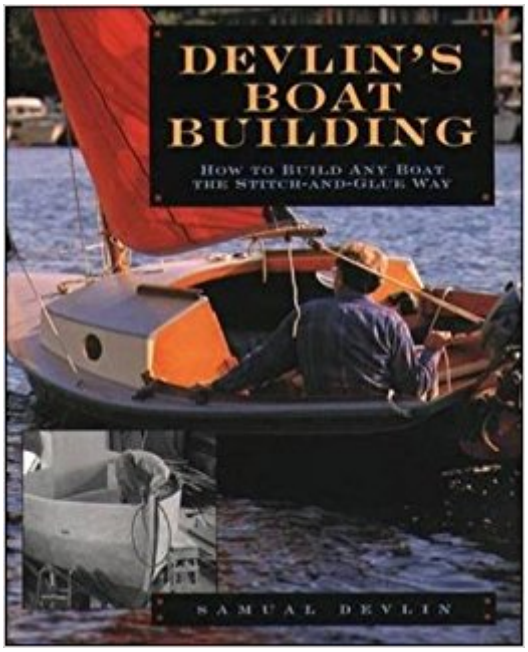
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Devlin's Boatbuilding: How To Build Any Boat The Stitch-and-Glue Way



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Synopsis

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Sam Devlin has been in love with boats since childhood--a fact perhaps influenced by his first bedroom, a ship replica complete with curved walls and a seaberth. The boatbuilding operation he started with his wife on a shoestring in 1977 has flourished, and Devlin Designing Boat Builders each year rolls out between 20 and 40 stitch-and-glue boats of various sizes from its shop on the shores of Puget Sound.

I'm waiting for somebody to finally come out With a book that gives an actual clear sequence of what to do first, then next, then after that and so on. Every book I read including this one gives generalized information and the procedures laid out in every book are different, such as fiberglass and laminating etc. I think if they were a little more detailed and included a glossary of terms used I could have saved months on research and planning.

There are lots of books on building homemade boats but this one is the best for the novice. It

doesn’t jump into terminology that only professionals know, so you can put away your dictionary. The diagrams actually make sense unlike the book by the guy who designs Alaskan skiffs. Once you have completed this book, reading the other books is a whole lot easier. However, you will find that you know most of what is in the other books once you have read this one.

This is the most exhaustive and detailed guide to the boatbuilding technique known as "stitch and glue".You can find every detail for the construction of a boat using this technique.A must for the serious Do-It-Yourself boatbuilder.From the basics in materials, (plywood, resins, fiberglass cloth) to the intrincacies of transfering drawings to the plywood sheets, to the adaptation of a design to stitch and glue construction, Devlin takes you step by step through all the details, so your boat can be safe and a work to be proud of.Devlin’s Boatbuilding: How to Build Any Boat the Stitch-and-Glue Way

This is a great book for anyone looking to build their own wooden boat using the "stitch and glue" method. I don’t really like Devlin’s designs but the information he provides on the actual building process is very good. A wealth of tips and tricks to help you find your way.

I had never built a stitch and glue boat. Shoot!! I had never built any boat. I bought this book to help me figure out the finer points. I am completely satisfied with the way it was written and the information I gleaned from it. The boat turned out great.

This is a good book to learn the stitch and glue boat building process.

Good read. Lots of info on building stich and glue boats.

I have read this book several times. He has a clear and logical way of presenting the stages of construction. His web site is informative and his video is equally as instructive. In terms of a complete "How to" series, I only wish other disciplines were as good.In addition to the quality of his construction, I am particularly fond of his designs. Most other stitch and glue plans lack the elegance of Sam’s designs.

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