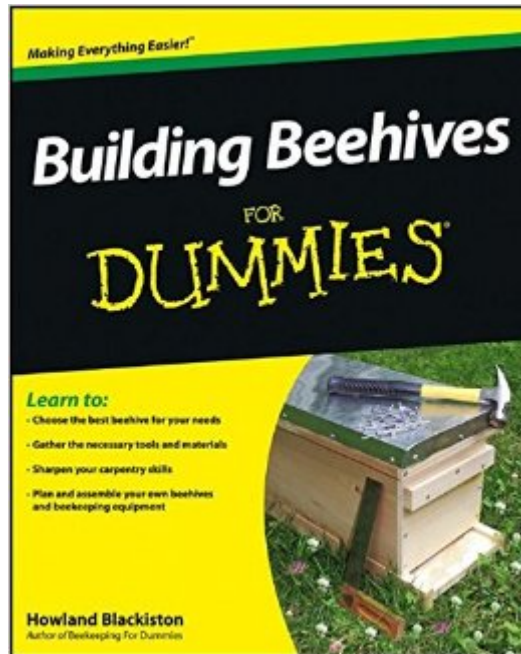


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# Building Beehives For Dummies



## Synopsis

The easy way to build your own beehives and beekeeping equipment *Building Beehives For Dummies* is the follow-up book to the bestselling *Beekeeping For Dummies*. It provides everything you need to learn how to build some of the world's most popular hives and beekeeping accessories. For each design the book includes a detailed materials list (what lumber, hardware and fasteners you'll need), step-by-step building instructions, and illustrative drawings that show how the components all fit together. There are over a dozen plans in all, including the traditional Langstroth hive, the eight frame garden hive, designs for elevated hive stands, the Warre hive, screened bottom board, the Kenya top-bar hive, four-frame observation hive, hive top feeders, and more. The book contains introductory chapters that teach you the basic carpentry skills necessary to build any of the plans in the book. Whether you are a new beekeeper or a seasoned olâ™timer, *Building Beehives for Dummies* provides you with the information you need to plan and succeed at building beehives (and other cool accessories). You'll discover what type of hive to build, hints on how to maintain your equipment, what bees need to stay happy and healthy, where to locate your hive, and much more. Covers "bee space," the critical technical measurement within a beehive that's crucial for easy inspection of your colonies Offers guidance on keeping both urban and suburban neighbors happy, getting proper permissions, and understanding regional laws and regulations Provides creative ideas for dressing up hives for fun and profit In today's world of self-sufficiency, back-to-basics and sustainability, building beehives is a fun hobby that both you and your bees will appreciate and benefit from.

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I have been toying with the idea of doing a little hobbyist bee keeping and I have developed something of a library of references. Nearly everyone book I have has a building plans section, but none can hold a candle to this book. The Illustrations are nothing short of amazing. I wish the "Look Inside" feature showed at least one example of the way the plans are illustrated. They are crisp and concise. The dimensions are clear and the exploded views of the hives make assembly obvious. I just checked and the illustrations are from Felix Freudzon and he deserves his name on the cover as well for his contributions. I read a lot of woodworking magazines and books and this book has some of the finest build plan illustrations I've seen. But I don't want to belittle the author. You can tell this is a labor of love. The writing reads easily and clearly. I was drawn into it and basically read it in one sitting. There was some skimming on the plan materials but even the basic carpentry was worth reading. Also, I have never seen any Dummies author use the tips and reminder icons as much as this author. I really think he did a great job of focusing his topic and laying out a stunningly elegant book.

Pros+ Amazing Plan build illustrations+ Concise focus on building hives+ Great Diversity of hive plans+ Flexible hive plans (i.e. gives 8 and 10 frame measurements)+ Bonus sections on additional related projects+ Easy and educational read

Cons- For what this is, I really don't see any cons. I want to be clear that this is not a complete bee keeping guide. Its focus is on constructing hives and it excels at that, but you will need to have another resource for beekeeping.

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