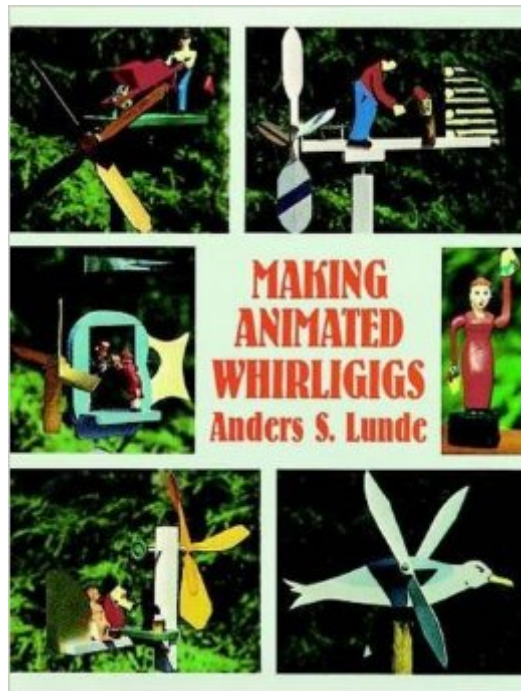


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# Making Animated Whirligigs (Dover Woodworking)



## Synopsis

The handcrafted, wind-powered toys known as whirligigs have enchanted observers for centuries with their whimsical images: birds with spinning wings, people waving their arms, and countless other fanciful figures. In this volume, an expert at designing and making whirligigs shows both novices and experienced woodcrafters how to create more than two dozen large-scale animated models. The author's easy-to-follow discussions of design and construction covers key elements such as the propeller and driving mechanism and features step-by-step instructions and detailed illustrations. Best of all, these projects require no elaborate tools and only the most inexpensive materials. Choose from both traditional and original models, including the functional variety (weather-vane whirligigs, a mole chaser, a bird scarer, and more) as well as purely decorative types: the Gooney Bird, Tony and His Wheelbarrow, Eleanor at the Tub, Pete Sawing Wood, the Moon Ship, and others. Assembling these imaginative creations will provide you with hours of satisfaction and will delight viewers.

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This is the best of Lunde's series. He is the man who resurrected the whirligig from the ashheap of historical American culture. In the 1970's, Lunde first investigated old whirligigs in New England, researched in the Library of Congress, and just plain hit the woodworking bench to figure out what makes a good whirligig work. Others have tried to copy him, but his whirligigs spin and turn and

twist with a freedom and naturalness few can match. His political whirligig creations are snapped up immediately these days, because at 86 years old, there is no telling when he will stop. Simple, straightforward, and detailed, these designs and instructions will put you in the drivers seat for making any design you desire. He is a specialist in devising creative designs, not of the art crowd kind that look great but don't work, but the kind that really move in ways pleasing to all. He is the master of this genre.

I purchased this book because I was looking for some new whirligig plans. I was pleasantly surprised to see that it was that and more. The author shows you some good plans, but also gives you enough information to come up with your own designs. If you enjoy making whirligigs and how they work, this book is a good buy

I speak spanish, it is my native language, but this book is easy, I can understand it very good because it has many picture, in my country the Whirligigs are unknown and get hardware for them is very difficult, but thanks to the Anders' book I can build my own devices. This books is very good

Maybe it is my fault the book didn't live up to my expectations. I was looking for something more for the novice builder which is what I am. In the future after gaining some experience this book will come in handy.

Great pictures on cover of book. Good ideas for those with creative juices, but I was looking a book of plans or ideas. The book does have many ideas for how to animate the whirligigs, but lacks the specific ideas of materials. I plan to go to the new Hobby Lobby that recently opened for help.

This has a lot of whirligigs to try, and some wonderful ideas to make them. Also ideas on how to incorporate the ideas into one's you design and build yourself. Every woodworker's library should have this book in it.

I retired a couple of years ago, and last year I bought a scroll saw. I also subscribed to a Scroll Saw and Woodworking magazine. I saw this book advertised in the magazine, so I bought it (and several others). There are a couple of whirligigs in here that I'm interested in making as gifts. Easy to follow instructions. I would have given it a 5 star rating if there were a few more projects to my liking in there. But I hardly ever rate anything a 5. Good book.

This book has some plans, and diagrams. I am not sure this is the place to start. I guess I also expected a more colorful book. Inside it is rather drab. Maybe it is a "girl thing" but I would like photos that entice and inspire. This is just the basics.

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