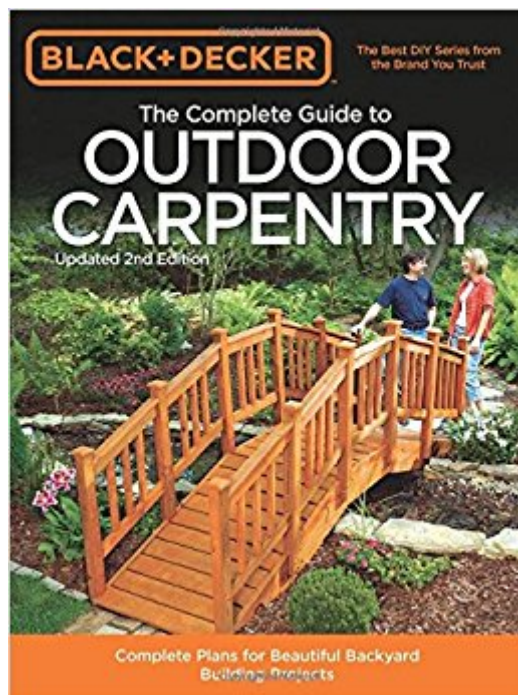




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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Outdoor Carpentry, Updated 2nd Edition: Complete Plans For Beautiful Backyard Building Projects (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## Synopsis

See how easy it is to build your own backyard oasis. Outdoor carpentry projects using cedar, redwood, and pressure-treated pine are perfect for Do-It-Yourselfers of all skill levels, since the materials are easy to work with, and the results are rewarding. Enjoy outdoor furnishings you can create yourself. Items made with quality materials last much longer and cost less, in the long run, than off-the-shelf items. With classic swings for kids and adults, arbors for gardeners and even a table that folds, there's something in *The Complete Guide to Outdoor Carpentry* for everyone! Over three dozen projects are included, ranging from seating, entertaining, recreational and storage, to overheads and arbors. New projects, unique to this edition, include: 5-board bench, picnic table, folding table, outdoor occasional table, deck-railing planter, window box, Arts-and-Crafts mahogany gate, sheltered swing, outdoor serving cart, arbor and garden bridge. All the projects within this book can be built in a weekend with ordinary power hand tools and materials available at any local home center or hardware store. Each project has complete construction plans and directions for foolproof results--so jump right in and make your backyard unique!

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**5-Board Bench** The construction could not be simpler, which makes this the perfect project for someone looking to build their woodworking skills and cut their teeth on a surefire success. Expect to spend no more than an afternoon putting this project together.

**Picnic Table** The traditional material for this type of table is redwood, which will resist rot and the elements quite naturally. You can also go with cedar, which has the same properties and looks just as nice as redwood.

**Sheltered Swing** Set aside a full weekend for building this project. Although the techniques we've used are meant to simplify things for the home craftsman, the project is still fairly involved.

**Outdoor Serving Cart** This cart is built with exterior-rated materials. The fasteners and hardware are all corrosion-resistant. It features cedar for the framing and the drawer front, but you could easily substitute any exterior-grade lumber.

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I bought this book looking for easy-ish outdoor projects and it has some good ones. Unfortunately, the first project I decided to build (potting bench) had errors in the materials list requiring a second trip to the lumber store. I was short a couple boards and the list called for 1-1/4" and 2" deck screws, but the instructions call for 2" and 2-1/2" deck screws. The measurements were good but the plan drawings and instructions were not as detailed as they might be.

It's a so-so how to book, not the worst. Many of the instructions are in such a way that there is a lot of assumptions that the audience are professionals.

Love this book. Can't wait to try

The book arrived in a timely manner and in the condition described. Contents were as expected. I give 4 stars only because I have the first edition and there are some duplications from the first

edition in the second edition.

Delivered on time and priced good

This book is perfect for a craftsman (or craftswoman like myself) who has all the basic power tools and likes to build things. There is a wide variety of projects with great exploded illustrations of all the components. There are great directions which indicate the order of construction. With all of the info in this book it would be easy to design your own projects based on similar projects in this book.

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