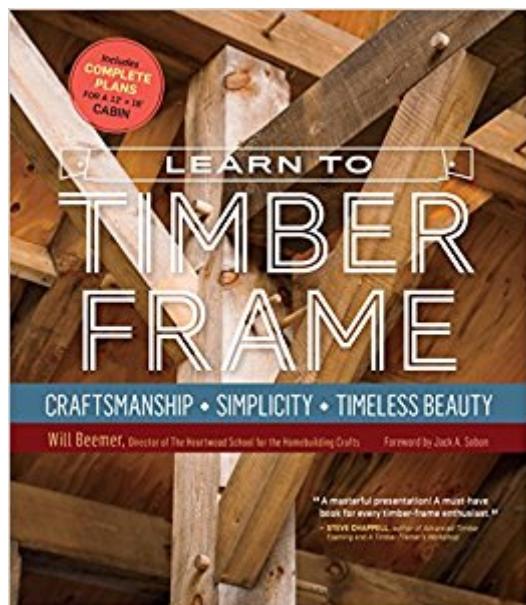


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# Learn To Timber Frame: Craftsmanship, Simplicity, Timeless Beauty



## Synopsis

The first guide to timber framing written specifically for beginners! Expert Will Beemer takes you through the entire process from start to finish, beginning with timber sourcing and ending with a finished building. Using full-color photos, detailed drawings, and clear step-by-step instructions, Beemer shows you exactly how to build one small (12' x 16') timber-frame structure — suitable for use as a cabin, workshop, or studio. He also explains how to modify the structure to suit your needs and location by adding a loft, moving doors or windows, changing the roof pitch, or making the frame larger or smaller. You'll end up with a beautiful building as well as solid timber-framing skills that you can use for a lifetime.

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## Customer Reviews

Rustic Elegance A classic timber frame is as practical and beautiful today as it has been for centuries. In this beginner-friendly guide, veteran builder and educator Will Beemer brings the historic craft of timber framing within reach by walking you through the process of building a simple 12' x 16' structure — a starter project large enough to serve as a cabin, workshop, or studio — that can be modified to suit your needs. Along the way, you'll learn what makes timber framing distinctive, how to acquire and use local lumber, and the proper handling of chisels, saws, and other essential tools. Up-close photos and instructive diagrams illuminate each step, from preparing and cutting the timbers to the thrill of raising day.

Will Beemer is a founding member of the Timber Framers Guild and served as Co-Executive Director for 11 years. He's been a builder for over 40 years and an educator in the building trades for 30 of those. With his wife, Michele, he owns and operates the Heartwood School for the Homebuilding Crafts in Washington, Massachusetts, which has been teaching courses in timber framing, home building and other trades since 1978. Beemer has taught timber framing around the world, including in Patagonia (with Rocky Mountain Workshops), at Palomar College in California, at North House Folk School in Minnesota, and through numerous Guild workshops and projects. He has authored many articles on basic and advanced timber framing techniques and is a regular contributor to *Timber Framing* (the quarterly journal of the Guild) and *A Fine Homebuilding* and has also written for *Wood Design & Building* and *Joiner's Quarterly*. Jack A. Sobon is a self-employed architect and builder of timber-framed structures. He holds a bachelor of architecture degree from the Rhode Island School of design and has worked on barn moving and restoration. Together with Roger Schroeder, Sobon co-wrote *Build a Classic Timber-Framed House*, which is now in its twelfth printing, with nearly 50,000 copies in print.

I bought this because I was trying to learn about timber framing with no previous experience. It is a great book and filled in holes I had from another book I bought. This teaches the square rule method well with lots of pictures and such. It provides plans and practical ways you can modify those plans to build your own outbuilding or small home. I recommend this book.

I was delighted to see the clear, well-illustrated and photographed instructions in this book, certainly a must-have for new timber framers. While I'm not up to building a large structure, I plan to use the notes on joinery and construction in smaller items and, hopefully, teach the craft to some new generations.

I bought this book because I am planning to build a new woodworking shop in the fall. Timber framing has always been something that I was interested in and after looking through a slew of books, I finally settled on something that's easy to read and understand while giving me the information I need to build the structure I require. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who wants to get started in timber framing.

Solid Timber Frame information, clearly presented. I've been teaching timber frame classes in

Ontario for over ten years and this book will help me improve what I do.thanks Will!!

Excellent book on a traditional and, somewhat forgotten construction technique. It is STILL very applicable if you want a solid construction technique that will last for generations.

Great for a beginner. Detailed, nice glossary, goes step by step, explains basics of engineering and has references for further study. The diagrams and high quality pictures are clear and informative. great book!

Fantastic book the gets you on the right track to start building your own timber framed building, including the one which has all the plans inside included. Highly recommended to getting you started on your timber frame journey like myself

Great book with good plan for your own small timber frame studio

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