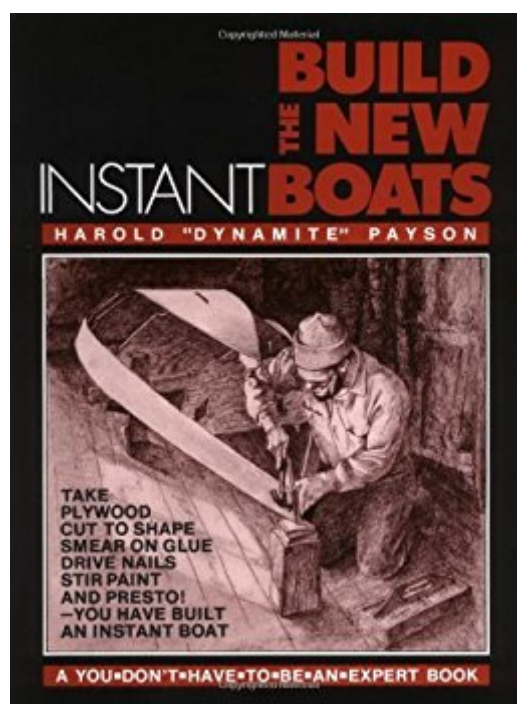


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Build The New Instant Boats



Synopsis

Here are eleven new Instant Boats to choose from, including three built with a new "Tack and Tape" method that eliminates most of the beveling and results in a very shapely and spritely craft. Flip through the pages and compare the odd, sometimes startling shapes of the patterns with the pleasing sheers and functional good looks of the completed boats. You will begin to appreciate the genius of Bolger. In the opening chapters Dynamite tells you with common sense and uncommon good humor everything you need to know to build one of his boats. You can then start right in cutting readily available plywood sheets to precomputed patterns. (You can build directly from the book, but the purchase of larger-scale plans at a modest cost from Dynamite will make the task of scaling off the patterns easier.) Before you know it you will be fastening them together--all your basic assembly virtually behind you, and years on the water just ahead.

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Customer Reviews

A great book about simple, straight forward boatbuilding. The author presents information and designs on building boats using a tack and tape method and a more convential framing method. I've

built one boat from this book and am starting a second one. Payson's boatbuilding information or Bolger's designs alone are worth the price of this book. I have to take to task the two reviewers who have indicated this book short changed them. For starters, I think the author is an honest person. In one reviewer's case, the problem is a lack of plans. I've bought plans for both the boats I built because it makes building easier. For both boats, the plans were in the book. This is generous of the author considering he earns some income from plan sales. In the second case, materials price seems to be the problem. The book was published in '85, so some inflation should be allowed for. Even so, for half of his total investment, the materials for that particular boat could have been bought including epoxy adhesive and bronze oar fittings. The author also points the several levels of materials that can be used to build these boats, explaining how this affects the finished boat. Another thing the author points out is that boatbuilding takes imagination and perseverance. A lack of both of these traits is the real problem facing the two reviewers. If you want to build a Bolger instant boat, this book is great to have on hand. The author helped work the bugs out of these designs. You can't get better help than that.

Harold Payson makes a first time boat builder a success. I built Diablo in my backyard with hand power tools and fished the beaches for 9 years with a 25HP Mariner. My advice- buy the book - build a boat. Start with a little design to gain confidence. Use epoxy over fiberglass resin, on Marine Plywood and you'll have no problems...Dave

When you combine the building genius and straight-forward writhing style of Harold Payson with the amazing, easy to build marine designs of the notable Phil Bolger, You have a sure winner! The book combines general technical knowledge on boatbuilding with a large assortment of plans. This book allows you to build everything from a six foot row/sail boat, aptly named the tortoise, to a classic looking, incredibly fast 25 foot schooner, simply called 'schooner'. It is written with the beginner in mind, giving only small amounts of technical information. The construction methods are virtually fool proof, and you can emerge from your workshop in a weekend with a complete boat, ready for the water.

This is the best book ever written on making small boats for rowing or sailing using modern techniques. If you always figured you would like to build a boat, but were worried about making a success of it, this book, or the others in his series will ensure you get the job done. Here are three reservations, just so you know: 1) The building method known as tack and tape is original to the

Bolger/Payson duo, and isn't state of the art. Payson prefers working with fiberglass resin rather than epoxy, and those with an E allergy might agree. But for others, this may send you off in the wrong direction. Nonetheless the boats are great as designed, even if they could be better. For instance in epoxy it would be possible to drop the frames and add solid transoms to better carry motors or rudders. That's a better trade.²⁾ The designs are a little funky, which is good open thinking throughout, but for instance a person who bought one of these books because they noticed there was a sailboard would probably not be that satisfied, on the other hand it's a great plan to try out a little boarding on.³⁾ If you just wanted to build one of these boats, many of which are great like Diablo or Nymph, why not just buy the relevant plan?

The team of H.H. Payson (professional boat-builder) & Philip Bolger (designer) was made to order for lovers of real boats and their builders. The designs are all unique, seaworthy and eye-catching. Yes, they really are instant compared to traditional methods. Construction by novice builders has been well thought out to eliminate snags. Payson even takes pains to reduce expenses to a minimum. Sail or power, if you're considering a boatbuilding project, I recommend "Building The New Instant Boats" highly. Three of us had "Dynamo" his 15' wonder afloat in just 2 weekends. We will be building "Nymph", his 8 foot tender next.

It all started with a search for an inexpensive sailboat. Through these efforts, I stumbled across several websites from people that have built the 23 1/2 ft. "Light Schooner" (one of the projects in this book) and instantly fell in love with the design. With this book, anyone can build a boat in their backyard as I am. If you have even the slightest experience working with wood, and desire to build your own boat you must check out Bolger's designs. Sure, the full size plans help but these boats could feasibly be built using just this book. Try it, you'll be hooked too!

The central subject of this book is the boat plans, and they are not readable in the Kindle version. I did not scan the plans at a resolution that is adequate to read what is written on the plans which, in turn, makes it impossible to get anything from them or usefully refer to them while reading the text. I would probably give the print version of the book around 4 stars, but the Kindle version gets 1 star.

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