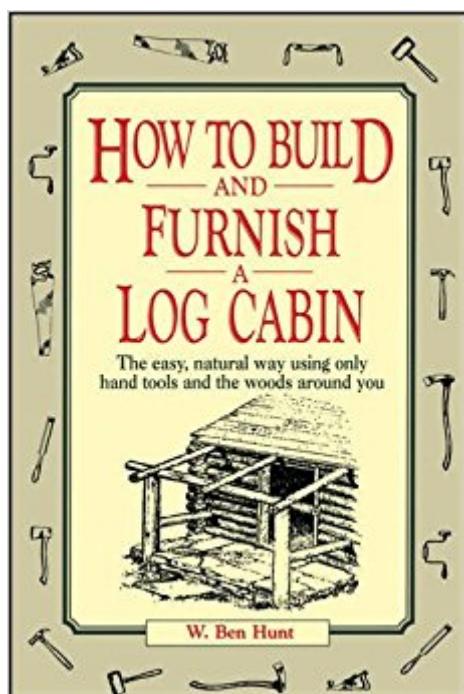


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# How To Build And Furnish A Log Cabin: The Easy, Natural Way Using Only Hand Tools And The Woods Around You



## **Synopsis**

W. Ben Hunt's classic has earned a reputation as the "authentic handbook since it was first published in 1939. Updated in 1974, it remains the only step-by-step guide to building log cabins and log furniture -- pioneer style."

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## **Customer Reviews**

The only step-by-step guide to building log cabins and log furniture "Pioneer style. There are other manuals on building cabins, but W. Ben Hunt's is the only one to show you how to build and furnish an authentic pioneer cabin-the easy, natural way, using only hand tools and the woods around you. Our ancestors used logs and hand tools to build durable, dry, windproof, and protective dwellings; and they fashioned chairs, tables, branches, and bushes. In this day of power saws, lumberyards, and high prices, it's good to know that you can build in the same way. How to Build a Log Cabin Part One provides complete directions for building cabins of three sizes: one-room, one-room and lean-to, and three-room. Just follow the clear instructions on every step of construction from choosing the site, clearing the tract, and building the foundation to installing fixtures, heating, and lighting. How to Furnish a Log Cabin If you're not ready to build an entire cabin, you can try your hand at some of the small furnishings such as lamps, fences, and candlesticks. Part Two tells all you need to know to build and finish rustic furniture for an entire home: benches, tables, chairs, beds, cots, shelves, candelabras, gates, arbors, wayside stands, even road signs and birdhouses.

"Two Books in One" There are really two books in one here: Building a Log Cabin, published in 1947, and Rustic Construction, published in 1939. These two classics have been reproduced exactly as they first appeared, with the drawings and photographs that W. Ben Hunt selected and produced for the original editions.

W. BEN HUNT, a self-taught expert on the crafts of the Plains and Woodland Indians, was born in Wisconsin in 1888. Most of his life was spent teaching, creating artwork, building cabins and furniture, and lecturing about the out-of-doors. He is the author of many books, including Macmillan's The Complete How-to Book of Indiancraft.

If you're thinking of building a rustic cabin, this book more or less gives you all the working knowledge to do it. Since it was written before chainsaws and power drills, much of the work could be done quicker. If you find yourself post-apocalyptically needing to use only amish hand tools, well, you're set. This book also lacks actual blueprints so if you're just putting together a cabin and okay with eyeballing it, you're set. The furniture ideas in the last chapter are all fun projects that anyone could do over a weekend and compliment a home or cabin quite nicely.

Will build my wife a rustic log cabin on our property after retirement and this book has clarified a lot of the questions I had.

My son and I plan to build a rustic "get away" on some mountain land using onsite logs from standing trees. Essentially camping with a more substantial shelter. This book does a better job than any of the other books for our purposes. The other books deserve looked at to "round out" what is available. Don't forget to look over You tube for more info!

It was a Father's Day gift to my husband, and is probably his most favorite gift ever. The book is very in-depth, easy to read, and has lots of pictures to accompany the text. I would definitely recommend reading it and utilizing its information!

Book came as advertised and on time.

not enough good pictures

Down to earth drawings and descriptions. Helpful hints on building. Having done this chore earlier in my life, I was reminded of it while reading the book. I am giving this to a friend who will be building this coming summer and he can benefit from it greatly.

informative book on wood working projects.

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