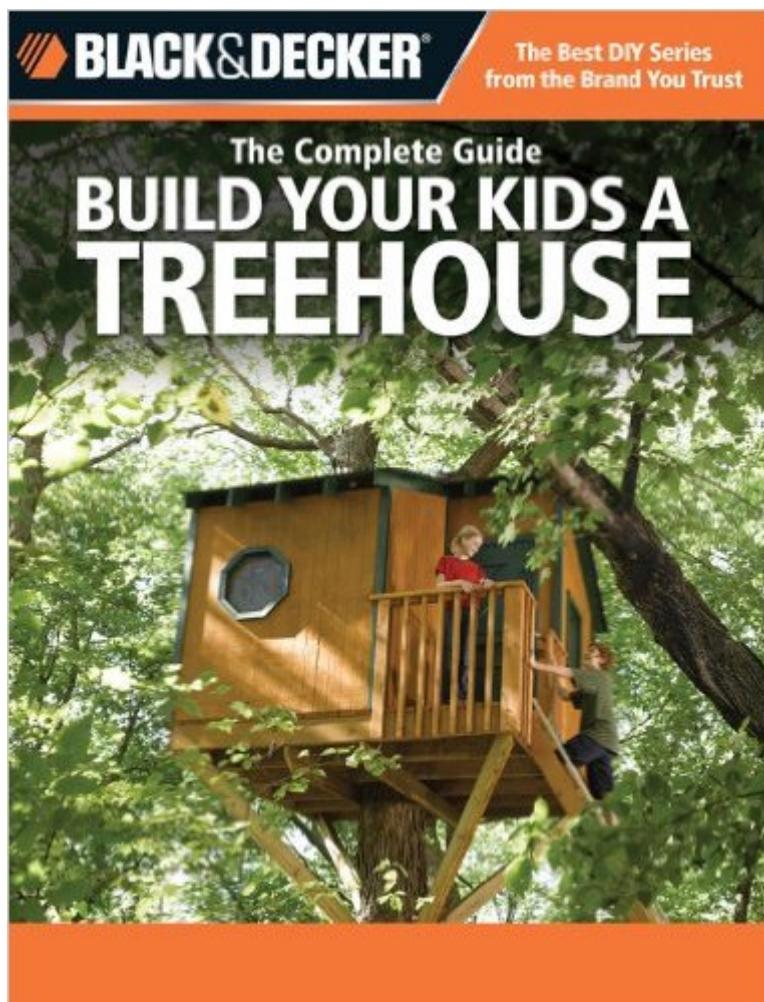


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# Black & Decker The Complete Guide: Build Your Kids A Treehouse (Black & Decker Complete Guide)



## **Synopsis**

Treehouses Anyone Can Build! This is a basic yet complete presentation of how to plan, design, and build a safe, fun treehouse structure for children. The book begins with an inspirational chapter showing the many treehouse variations that are possible. Next, a chapter on basic techniques shows how the essential treehouse platform can be built and secured in any tree configuration-nestled high among the branches or designed so the trunk passes up through the center, and every variation in-between. Then, separate chapters show the techniques for adding walls, roofs, ladders, access hatches and accessories. The final chapter of the book gives complete plans for the treehouses, from the very simple to the surprisingly sophisticated.

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I bought 5 tree house books from last year. The others are very inspirational, kid of like [...] who makes the worlds coolest treehouses. This book gives great instruction for the common man. Buy multiple books when planning your treehouse, but own this one before you build. b

This book gives some good ideas and basic treehouse construction information. I saw what looked like the same book at Lowes, but it's an updated version with more plans for doors, windows, etc. I would recommend getting the updated version of the book instead of this one.

Very good book for dummies who wants to build a treehouse! Easy understanding and detailed information about every step on building

Book is just what I was looking for to help me design and build a treehouse for my grandsons. Good details and simple instructions on how to do different kinds of tree houses that will be same for them. Recommend it as a good book to help you get started.

Bought this book to get an idea of different ways to structure and stabilize not only a treehouse but any children's house. Good references and pictures.

Good book with great ideas. We will have one of these plans used for a treehouse the kids will love on our best, huge tree, without damaging the tree either. I think a plan can be found to suit most people and whatever tree they may use for this. Many ideas in this book. We will hire our handyman for the project. My husband and the grandchildren will help, but we want professional help to get it built securely.

I am a person who actually built a tree house by using this book as the main source of information (our tree house looks somewhat like the one on the cover, but with a larger deck and a different roof configuration). The book's approach is to teach you how to build a lightweight shed with an unusual "foundation" design in as few pages as possible. They first explain how to choose the right tree. There is plenty of good advice on how to design and build the platform, which is by far the most important part any tree house. I built mine a little sturdier than they recommended with additional bracing support for the beams and platform corners reinforced with thick steel rods. I followed their advice on framing the walls and roof support, which worked out very well. I had to buy another book on shed construction for more ideas about siding, trim, doors, windows, and roofs - this book is a little sparse in those areas. For example, they don't tell you how to build metal roofs, which usually require installing a deck first, so they don't talk about that either. There is a plan section in the back with six or seven different designs complete with the lists of materials. I would not use the book as an instruction manual - use your creativity and improvise on their basic designs. The book assumes you have at least some building skills and understanding of structural mechanics (otherwise you should not be doing it yourself, even out of safety concerns). This book will not have all the solutions to the problems you might encounter, so expect your problem solving skills to be tested.

This was the exact type of information I was seeking out before starting on a treehouse for our kids. We needed to know a few key elements in building and planning. Since trees grow in all sorts of shapes, widths and sizes- I needed to know how to plan for the basics in safety and building as we build organically as we go along. This book had great tips and included plans for tree houses and where to start. I liked how it always kept safety aspects in mind because this was the biggest concern when we started discussing our treehouse.

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