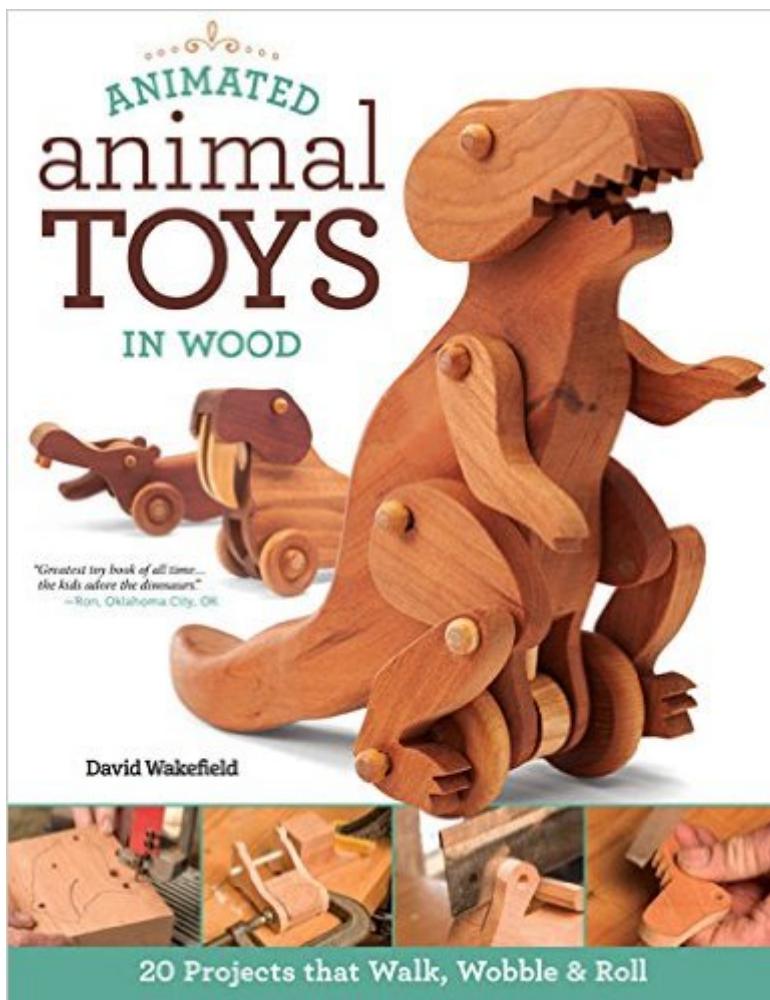


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Animated Animal Toys In Wood: 20 Projects That Walk, Wobble & Roll



Synopsis

All children love animals, and all children love toys. Build plenty of good old-fashioned fun for any child with these clever designs for classic pull and push toys. Inside you'll discover 20 imaginative projects for making wild and wacky wooden animals that come alive with delightful lifelike motion. Create a chomping crocodile, waddling duck, jumping frog, timid turtle, howling wolf, or terrifying T-Rex. Each animated marvel features an ingenious design to make it walk, wiggle, waddle, or whirl. With detailed patterns, concise instructions, and step-by-step color photographs, these charming projects are simple enough for even a beginner to complete in a weekend. Fun to build, fun to give, and fun to play with, they'll provide hours of pleasure for woodworkers and children alike.

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Customer Reviews

I admire David Wakefield's talent for thinking up ways to animate these wood toys. But his book has critical errors in the plans which prevent the toys from operating at all. The Hungry Hippo plan is correct and this is a fun toy. The Cross Crocodile has the wrong geometry for the small piece that connects the two sides of the mouth. If you build it as drawn, the mouth will not close. I had to drum sand and remove enough material to get it to work. The Scented Skunk also has an error. The bottom of the 2 walnut sides of the tail do not have enough relief to clear the main body. I had to get the Dremel drum sander out and add relief because you don't find this out until after you have laminated the tail. I enter all of my designs into Sketchup before I build them, so on other plans I try from the book, I will check rotations and clearances using Sketchup before I build them. So far I

have built 3 models, and 2 out of 3 had critical errors, or a 67% failure rate. Be prepared to have to make some adjustments when you build a model, because it appears the designs were not error checked very well.

This is an absolutely fabulous book for making toys. The plans range from easy to intermediate to complex, so every skill level should have something that holds their interest. There is a fair amount of overlap with his previous books, but each toy has been at the very least resized and some are re-imagined.

Lovely! I've already made several of the projects and they turned out so cute! The instructions and directions are detailed and very easy to follow. A very cute book to start making your own wooden toys, with several helping tips and suggestions.

Was hoping to use the patterns in this book to make toys for local shelters and holiday markets this xmas but beware - if you plan to make multiples of the toys in this book, the book has a disclaimer inside the front cover stating that toys made from the patterns in the book cannot be resold. In legalese, (I checked) it basically says that you can make one of each to give away. I wish these disclaimers were made available in the product description! Most authors of these types of books give the purchaser right to remake and sell items made from their books/patterns - but this is not the case. That being said, the patterns and instructions are clear, easy to follow and concise. But being unable to use the patterns for my original purpose and not knowing the restriction BEFORE I purchased the book, I can't give it a higher rating.

I made the walrus, dog, frog, mini rabbit and whale the first week. Easy to understand and use.

Great book! These are really fun projects. What has surprised me is that adults love these wooden animals as much as the kids. These projects are not difficult to build but they can present some challenges. If you like making wooden toys I highly recommend this book.

Great book, well done. Very good instructions with beautiful pictures. This is a must have for the wood shop library.

Author says he buys factory wheels with 5/16" holes from a certain supplier, but I have found no one

who sells that size. Also says one can use an 8" dado set (or even a 6" one) to make a 2-1/2" deep slot for the beaver. Any experienced woodworker knows that's just not possible with a 6", and depending on the saw, even with an 8". I had to use a 10" rip blade. After making several beavers, I find they work well as a push toy, but require a carpeted surface and some downward force to operate properly. I wonder how well the similar skunk works as a pull toy, thinking it might stall and just slide along. Lastly, this book lacks the detailed plans as published in recent Woodcraft magazines. After using the magazine plans, I was disappointed with the book.

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