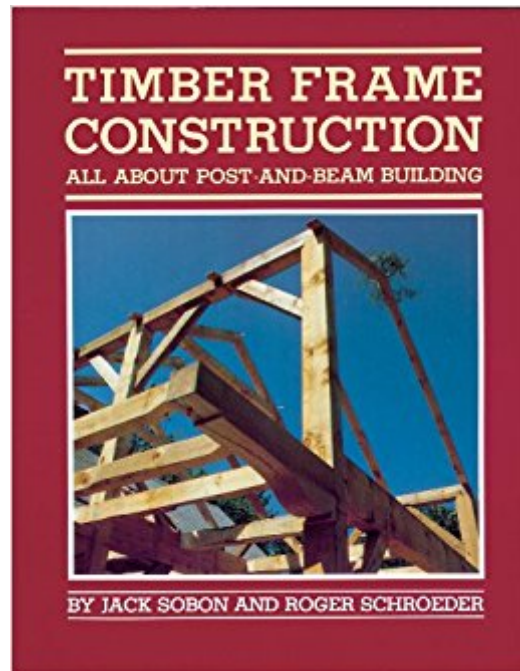


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# Timber Frame Construction: All About Post-and-Beam Building



## Synopsis

Discover the satisfaction of making your own durable, economical, and environmentally friendly timber frame structures. Covering all aspects of timber frame construction, this practical guide is filled with easy-to-understand instructions, clear illustrations, and helpful photographs. With expert advice on selecting appropriate timber, necessary tools, safety considerations, joinery techniques, assembly, and raising, Jack Sobon and Roger Schroeder encourage beginners by offering complete plans for a small toolshed. Turn your dream of a timber frame house into a reality. Â

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## Customer Reviews

" Timber Frame Construction " provides a good basis of knowledge for the experienced builder interested in learning post and beam joinery , from the history of the craft to tools and joints. I found the book a valuable source for my project. On the down side I could have used more explanation on what joints to use, the best cutting sequence and a greater description of where not to use them. Overall though I recommend it.

I have bought probably 10 books on timber framing and ended up building my own 2000 sf timber frame barn. I went back to this book more than any other because it covers the basics so well. If you're looking to attempt a fairly straightforward project without any real complex joints or design, this is probably the only book you'll ever need - a great primer and a great basic reference.

This book is a sound investment for anyone interested in building a timber frame structure. I had no experience building with wood prior to deciding to build a small timber frame cabin in Maine. I spoke to several timber framers and they all suggested I purchase this book as a reference manual for my cabin project. Mr. John Sweet of Sweet Timber Frames had a copy that was so worn from use that I knew it must be a good reference. Every phase of building the cabin has had its challenges; this book has made what would have been an impossible job an attainable dream. I highly recommend this book to anyone thinking about building a timber frame structure. Thanks to Mr. Sweet for recommending it.

I had some standard stick-framing experience, but the world of complex joinery used in Timberframe Post & Beam always confused me. This book broke it all down into very digestible chunks, with lots of pictures and diagrams, as well as information about how and why to use different joints. Even though I won't be using a traditional bent system or squared timbers, the principles and basic joinery illustrations in this book will definitely help me design and construct a strong and sturdy frame from the trees on my property.

This book covers, the history, and how to of timber framing. It has a step by step guide on how to build a 12' x 16' timber frame structure. Covering everything from timber selection, felling, drying, cutting joints, to raising bents. I have had only minimal exposure to timber framing and found this to be an amazing resource to get a better grasp on the general concepts.

This book was handed down to me by a family member and sparked my interest deeper than what it previously was to build a timber frame cabin. The book walks you through the very essentials of building a very basic timber frame that has not much flare but plenty of functionality and natural beauty. You can certainly tell that the information is a bit dated, but I imagine it is still more than applicable for today's building standards. I read the entire book thoroughly before even attempting to sketch out plans. I ended up using the plans provided for the garden shed and increased the dimensions to what the book recommended was a safe level. With this, I have completed the frame for a tiny cabin for my wife and I. I own three other books on the subject of timber framing, and none come close to the simplicity in explanation and timber frame construction that this book has. You won't be able to effectively design, layout, and cut an extravagant hammer beam truss with this book, but you will certainly be able to build a worthy structure that will last for centuries.

I'm building a 8x10 shed using timber framing joinery. This is my first attempt at timber framing. The book offered a good overview and very good information on the types of joints and why you would want to use a particular one. What I found most helpful was the section of the book where he documented step by step the building of a 12x16 shed. Real life examples really helped.

Ended up with two copies of this (my bad) but it's worth it IMHO. I used it to school myself on timber frame joinery that I used to turn a pickup truck full of old barn beams into a 10 x 16' shed for my lawn tractor and assorted equipment. Had some experience from assisting our master carpenter in building our post and beam (all mortise and tenon) cape 30 yrs ago. But this book is very easy to understand and use as a guide for layout and actual cutting of joints. I even used hand-hewn beams after I screwed up a couple of the barn beams. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the craft

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