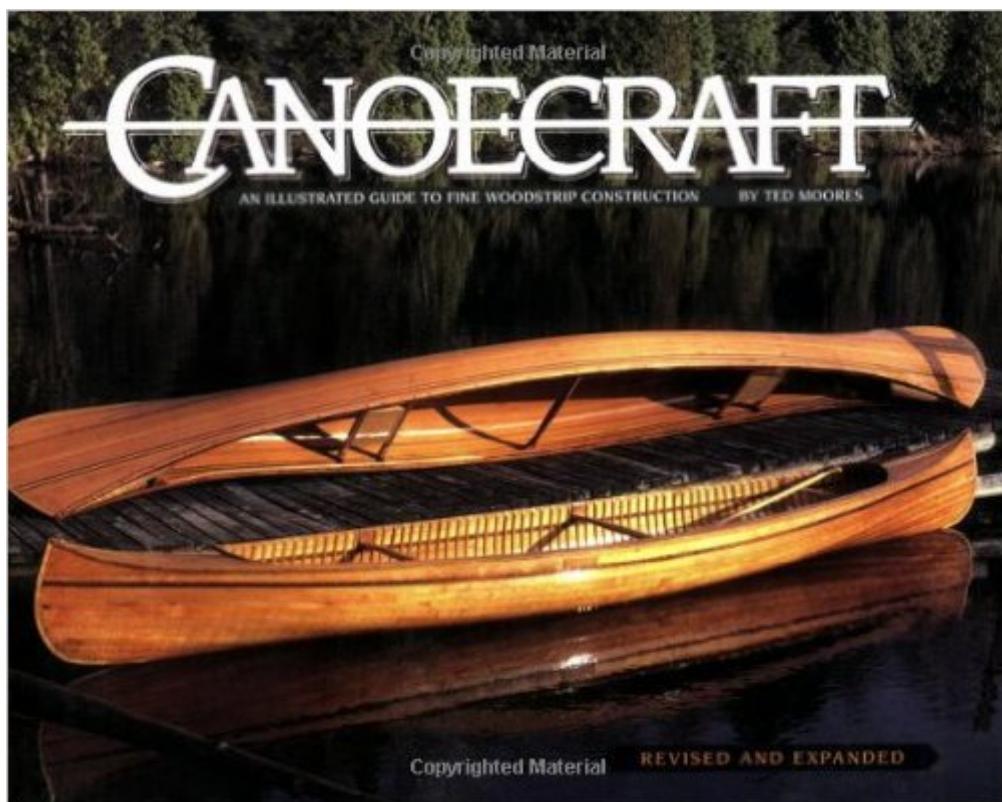


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# Canoecraft: An Illustrated Guide To Fine Woodstrip Construction



## Synopsis

Reviews of previous edition: An excellent definitive book... something you must read if you are going to build a woodstrip canoe. -- Canoeist If you want to build a strip-plank canoe or kayak, Canoecraft is the book to buy... A very comprehensive boatbuilding book and highly recommended. -- Water Craft A Woodworking Magazine Top 40 Book Now revised and expanded with 32 pages of color and an updated resources section, this 70,000-copy international bestseller, known as the 'Bible of canoe building' is back, bigger and better than ever. Ted Moores is a master builder of woodstrip/epoxy canoes. Over four decades teaching wooden-boat construction, he discovered that the same dream motivates all of his students, no matter their age: to build something beautiful and functional. Canoecraft is the road map to that dream. Moores offers comprehensive instructions for the first-time builder, and for the second-time builder. He adds a variety of canoe plans, each presented as a traditional table of offsets. There is also a series of builder's tips and techniques, and an entire chapter on carving a paddle, the perfect accompaniment to a handcrafted canoe. Whether the goal is to build a general-purpose recreational canoe, or an efficient modern tripping canoe, or a full-decked fast-cruising canoe with walnut veneer, Canoecraft is the ideal guide to making it happen successfully.

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## Customer Reviews

I am making my fourth cedarstrip, the first three (Kipawa, Mattawa, and Chestnut Prospector) following the original edition as my guide and reference manual. I ordered the new edition partly

because I'd worn out the original, but even after having built three cedarstrip canoes, I found new information and ideas in the revised edition making it worthwhile. The new edition has improved and expanded information about various building tips, jigs to make the building go better, a new section on staple-less building (the style I've used for all four canoes), an expanded section on canoe repair, and a new chapter on paddle making, among other improvements. This book is a gold mine of information about building cedarstrip canoes, and comes as close to "step by step" instructions as I could imagine. It is slightly limited in scope, for example, by concentrating on only a range of products and sources available for materials, but otherwise terrific. For example, it only discusses (and borrows heavily from material about) the West System epoxies, bypassing some very valuable alternatives that a more complete discussion would include. (Examples: it omits discussion of Mas Epoxies or System Three epoxy materials, which include a very nice new product line for strippers that gives a nearly clear coating rather than the amber colored finish that West Systems and earlier System Three and Mas products give you.) It could also profitably include information on more of the modern designs available (e.g., John Winters' work). But these are quibbles; it is an outstanding book, improved significantly in the revised edition.

To see how awesome this book is, check out <http://cedarstripcanoebuild.blogspot.com/> There really isn't anything better than this book, the bible of cedar strip builds. I used this book alone to build a beautiful boat. The product recommendations and detailed instructions make building a boat a whole lot easier on the nerves. If you are itching to build your own boat, pick up this book and read it cover to cover. Then get started by reading as you approach each step. It paid off for me.

A very good book for the beginner. While the lofting of the patterns can be intimidating, the author does a good job of explaining the basics. The plans and the information contained in the book are very helpful. One thing building a canoe with an inner stem can be a bit tricky, you may opt to just run the strips past the form and glue the together this works very well.

Moore's book was probably the first to deal with strip building using epoxy, and he has always been one of the best builders. Last time I was at the Canadian Canoe Museum, he was there too, working in the shop. There isn't anyone better than him, and he has written several great books. He was generous to me 20 yrs ago, before the publication of his first book, when my epoxy was going bad, and he was helpful on the other end of the phone. I have bought this the second book, and I think it is a useful revision to the first. Some of the jigs are better, and the designs are far more useful than

those that appeared in the first book. I think they will appeal to most home builders, and combine several modern favorites, with traditional ones. My one small quibble is that in general we still don't have designs in these books which are the equal of those coming out of the best factories, say Bell as one example. But that's the kind of thing that doesn't seem to interest most builders. Others say the mold tables are difficult to read. They are merely traditional. Read them as feet, inches, eighths, and plus or minus 1/16. That's boatbuilding. Most builders will never try to loft these in several views, strips make a casual approach possible, since they are largely self-fairing. That being the case talk of difficult lofting is highly exaggerated. Highly recommended

Don't expect to get patterns to build a canoe with this book. All of the other reviews didn't tell you this. If you want to build one of the boats mentioned in the book you have to go to the authors website and purchase them separately for another \$69. If you want to build a boat with this added cost look at getting Stripper's Guide to Canoe-Building it has full size patterns.

Without any previous wood working experience, this book guided me through the hundreds of little steps required to build a canoe of excellent qualities. Ted Moores really thought of everything, and if I (12,000 miles south of Ontario) could do it, so can you. On the down side, the book omits any reference to the extremely useful bulletin board at Ted Moores own website. Also, his method is so smooth and free of doubts, that it helps to purchase some other book with a different outlook, just to relax a little. He does say "professional results" a few times too often for my taste. BUT, when it is time to get building, make sure you do as he says, because he really knows what is best for your boat.

I have read other books on canoe building and this one was for me the best. It has good advice on which style of wood strip canoe to build for your purpose, looks at plans, materials and tools and then goes through the process of building a 16 foot Redbird. It had enough detail (marginally fuzzy b&w photos but excellent line drawings) to guide me, a complete beginner, through the whole process and I recommend it. Other books have great tips and overviews of the techniques, and are useful for additional information; but this was the one that, by leading me through each step in enough detail from start to finish answering my questions as it went, made me confident that I could safely start the project and build that canoe.

I've used Ted Moores' book to build a Redbird design and could not be happier with my canoe. The

author was very precise in expaining all the steps neccasary to complete the project. If anyone is intrested in pesonal watercraft or traditional apperance this book is a must have.

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