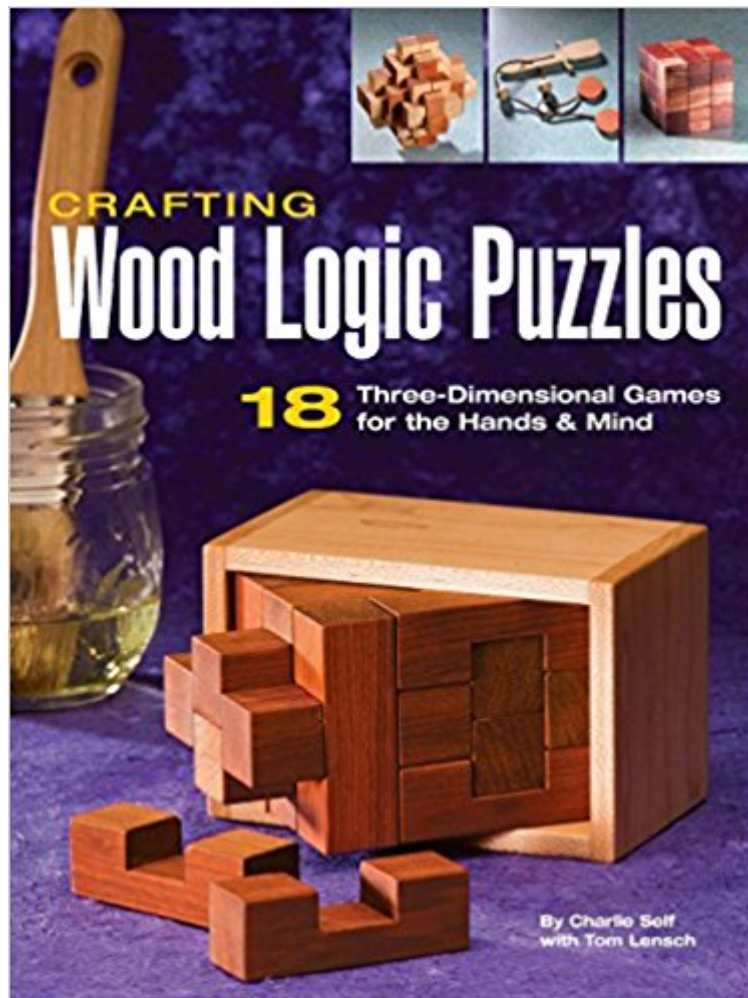




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# Crafting Wood Logic Puzzles: 18 Three-dimensional Games For The Hands And Mind



## Synopsis

For centuries, logic puzzles have entertained, inspired and educated kids of all ages. Studies show these engaging "brain teasers" provide unsurpassed benefits to the body and mind, increasing manual dexterity, mathematical abilities and overall intellectual agility. *Crafting Wood Logic Puzzles* provides plans and instructions for crafting 18 of the most popular manual puzzles. Projects range from traditional "put together/take apart" games like pentominoes and soma cubes to more sophisticated "unlocking" head-scratchers, such as the Burr and Heart Box puzzles. Readers will also learn specialized cutting, drilling, sanding, gluing and finishing techniques that make crafting wooden puzzles possible.

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## Customer Reviews

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The book has plans for 18 puzzles made from wood. They're mostly of the "take it apart and put it back together" or "figure out how to move the ring or ball from here to there" variety. There are the classic puzzles like the Soma cube and the Tower of Hanoi. None of the projects are particularly difficult, but they do require some careful work to get puzzles that work and also look great. Book starts off a bit intimidating by listing all the tools and equipment that will be needed, namely a table

saw, jointer, planer, drill press, band saw, scroll saw, and belt/disc sander. Whew! In reality you can get by with a few electrical tools, some manual tools and elbow grease. Unfortunately, the alternative use of manual tools is not covered. So far I've made six of the puzzles and in doing so have found quite a number of typos in the text. This was quite exasperating the first time I realized that I could not rely on the book. After making one of the puzzle parts I noticed that it didn't quite fit right. At first I thought I just messed up in my measurements or assembly. But when I went back to compare what I did with the plans I found that the plans in the book had incorrect dimensions. Later I found other egregious errors. I still recommend the book, but with the caveat that you need to review all the plans for correctness before you rev up your saw.

It is a great book that will help me in making gifts for the grand kids. I scan the patterns into my computer and print as needed. The book is of high quality printing, as well as hints and instructions.

Wonderful projects, immaculate instructions, incredible jigs and cutting guides help with much more than just building these puzzles!! Have fun!!

Has instructions for some very good puzzles. Solutions are in the back. There is a section in front showing how to make some jigs, like a cross cut jig for a table saw, that are needed to construct the puzzles accurately. It is a worthwhile book.

I have not yet made a puzzle. However, the book showed me how to true my power equipment and build a sled. When the weather cools down I hope to start making the puzzles. I would recommend this book highly.

Great source for info on building wooden puzzles. Precise directions, measurements and photos to guide every part of the process. Some of the puzzles are the most complex and satisfying projects that a woodworker could undertake.

Very good puzzles contained in this book. I will have to buy a bench saw to be able to make some of these projects but will start with the simpler ones first.

Nice book. I plan to make several of these puzzles.

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