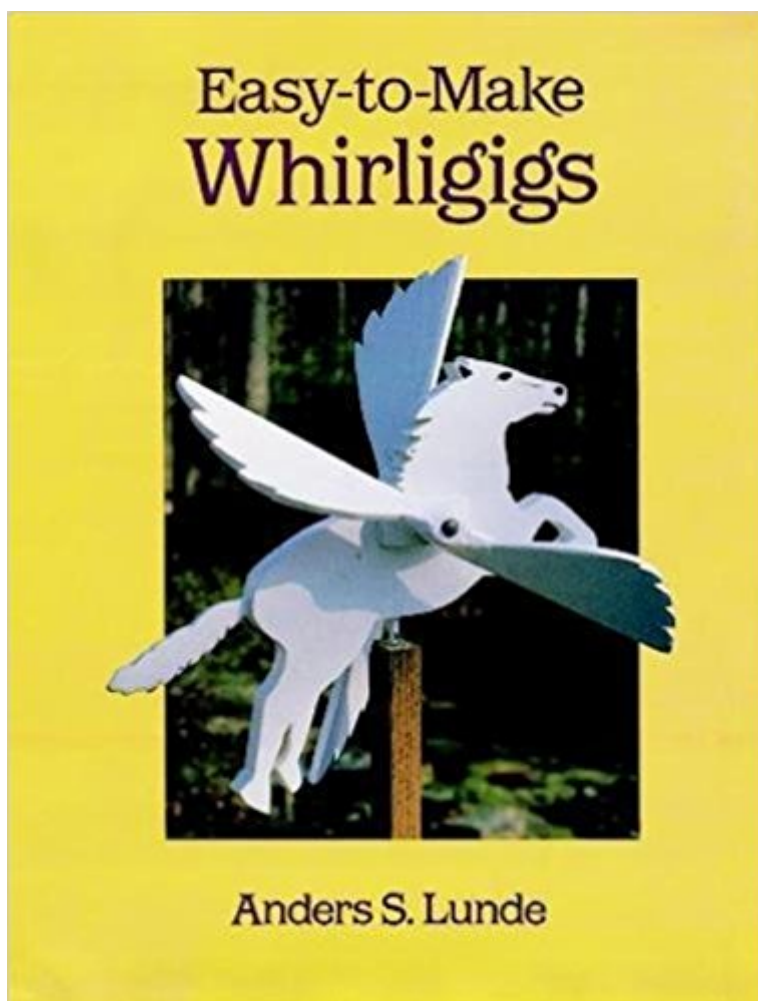




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Synopsis

Welcome to the wonderful world of whirligigs! Whirligigs are small, wind-driven toylike objects — often called "wind toys" — that whirl and twirl on a pivot. Who made the first whirligig? Nobody knows — their origins are lost in the distant past. Some people think they may have come to Europe with the windmill, which was introduced from the East in the twelfth century. We do know that American crafters were making whirligigs as early as the eighteenth century. This delightful guide contains complete patterns and easy-to-follow instructions for making 30 whirligigs of your own: the Signaling Trainman, Flying Puffin, Colonial Dame, Indian in Canoe, Halley's Comet, Santa, Flying Witch, and many others. All are designed to work outdoors in the wind. One of the best parts about whirligigs is that they are inexpensive to make. A few scraps of wood, a couple of tools, and a nail or two are all you need. What's more, there's no limit to the designs you can construct. Once you have mastered the simple technical aspects of whirligig construction, you can use your imagination and ingenuity to make any number of new models. Creating new whirligigs is fun, and seeing them spin and twirl in the wind is very exciting and rewarding.

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Instructions vague not up to the author's regular standards. Author recommends you figure out how to make parts move on your own. Had to order other books to figure out how to make parts move. Instruction for wings on Pegasus inadequate at best.

I wonder if some of the whirligigs were actually built, or someone just drew plans. I made a couple whirligigs using ideas from the book but with my design for the body. They came out pretty good however you need good bearings for the main shaft. A piece of copper tube used as a bearing just won't cut it. Things wobble and the fit is too sloppy. A little ball bearing works a lot better. Instead of trying to bend a 1/4" steel bolt, I used 1/4" aluminum rods. It bends way easier.

I retired a couple of years ago, and last year I bought a scroll saw. I also subscribed to a Scroll Saw and Woodworking magazine. I saw this book advertised in the magazine, so I bought it (and several others). There are a couple of whirligigs in here that I'm interested in making as gifts. Easy to follow instructions. I would have given it a 5 star rating if there were a few more projects to my liking in there. But I hardly ever rate anything a 5. Good book.

I look forward to making the projects.

good book with very clear drawings and measurements for each project including detailed instructions and history of the whys, and whats of Whirligig history and mechanics. this is a must have book for beginners and intermediate level. Also may be a great reminder book for those more advanced that have stepped away and need a swift kick to get going again.

Going to have fun making them!

lots of good instruction and plenty of pictures. fun book with fun projects.

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