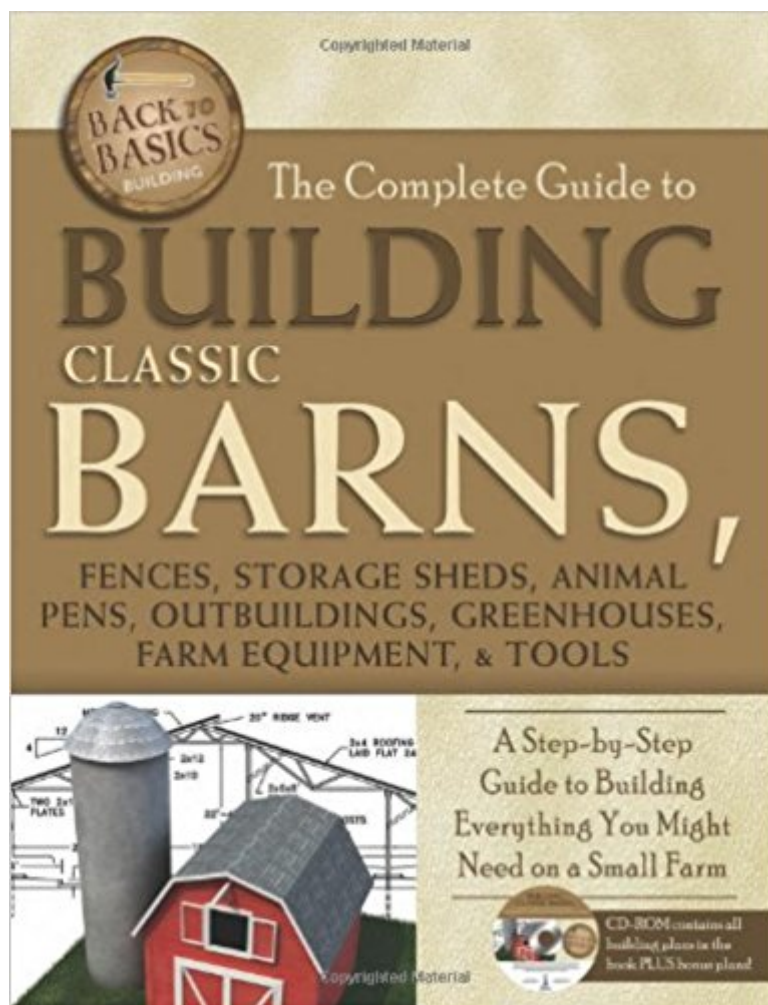


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# **The Complete Guide To Building Classic Barns, Fences, Storage Sheds, Animal Pens, Outbuildings, Greenhouses, Farm Equipment, & Tools: A Step-by-Step ... (Back-To-Basics) (Back To Basics: Building)**





## Synopsis

With their classic barns and fences, American small farms, serve as much of a purpose today as they have in the past. Even with the advent of new technology, these buildings have changed relatively little and are still used to house the animals, the feed, supplies, and equipment. Every well-meaning farmer or property owner with livestock, small animals, or farming equipment has need of a barn or a series of outbuildings. Unfortunately, many farmers now rely on expensive contractors and construction companies to do a job many traditional farmers undertook themselves. Knowing how to build these structures is not only a lost American art form, it is also a skill that can save you thousands of dollars. This book has been designed to ensure that everyone who has ever thought of building their own barns, outbuildings, or animal pens knows exactly what is entailed, from inception of the design to the final construction stages. Topics include: Learning exactly what you need to start building How each animal should be cared for, what space they need in a barn, and what other outbuildings might be necessary for the comfort of your animals Understanding the required dimensions, necessities to efficiently use your new building, and extra space you might not have previously considered, including space for your motorized machinery, a workshop for maintaining your equipment, and loft space for hay bales, feed, and farming equipment. Knowing which building materials are best for creating your needed items as well as the best designs, methods of building, and places to store materials Regardless of what you need for your small farm or property, you will have a complete list of detailed building design plans. The companion CD-ROM contains design plans in PDF format for a variety of structures. Each design plan offers detailed instructions, supply lists, and diagrams. This book offers plans for building barns, storage structures, animal pens, storage sheds, and greenhouses. You will learn how to build a variety of helpful structures such as, icehouses water tanks cisterns smoke houses root cellars This book even offers plans for building gates, fences, wagons, farm equipment, irrigation systems, potting benches, beehives and frames, food dehydrators, and other structures and equipment necessary for the success of your small farm. If you are looking to save thousands of dollars by building your own farm structures and equipment, this book will walk you through every step of the design, preparation, and constructions process, ensuring success and capturing the lost art of small farm self-sufficiency.

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I have a five acre farm and recently built two small barns this summer. I bought this book because I'm wanting to build another barn, fences, storage sheds etc. First of all the book only contains technical plans, the author does not include any sort of written instructions. My biggest complaint is that book has almost no pictures or drawings to accompany each of the plans. How are you suppose to build something if you don't know what it's going to look like??? Horse owners should know this book only contains one plan for a horse barn. There is not one plan for a run-in shed. I was hoping the C.D. contained more useful plans but it only contains what the book has.

Although this book gives explicit instructions, I have used it more for ideas as I have been a builder for many years but always looking for new ideas and ways of doing things. This book is not really for a novice, but for one with moderate building skills: one who already knows how to use basic tools and construction techniques.

Complete waste of money. Terrible book. This book is a compilation of plans that are available for free, in the public domain, from the NDSU agriculture extension website. There is no added value in the book. Everything in the book, and hundreds more, are available there. I am amazed that this book is not some kind of copyright infringement.

Interesting book. Could be a bit better with a strong section on foundations, both historical and modern.

I gave this book to a client that was buying a lovely farm house with a large barn. This book was a hit and they couldn't wait to check it out. It was the perfect gift choice!

Not one plan to build a barn with a mandrel roof. Pictures all over the book for this type of barn with zero info on it. The "researcher" that put this information together was clearly just looking to make a buck. Not sure if the author knows what a classic barn is, but it sure isn't a fence line sheep feeder or a circular crowding pen for swine. This the book covers. Don't waist your money.

Readable, easy to understand prints for many different projects. I will modify one of the ideas to fit my immediate needs but the book got me off the ground in a hurry, answering many of my questions on building construction.

good book more barns than anything, but handy.

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