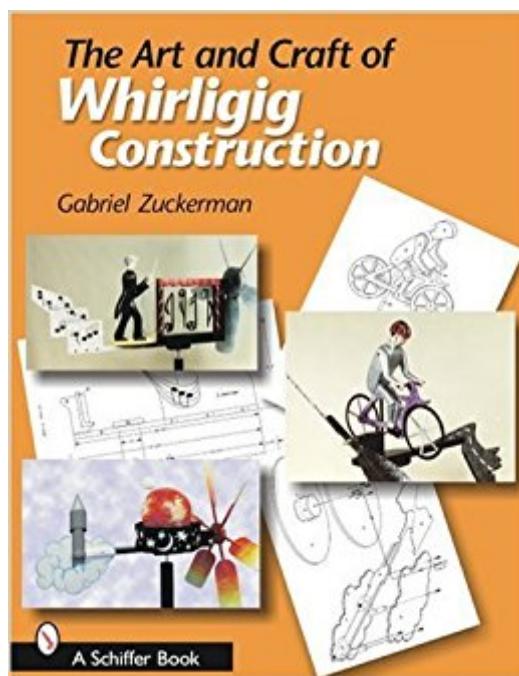


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# The Art And Craft Of Whirligig Construction



## **Synopsis**

Over 50 color photos, 80 patterns and mechanical drawings, with clear, concise, step-by-step instructions, reveal all the reader must know to successfully create twelve original whirligig projects made from wood and/or metal, including imaginative, original designs that all will enjoy. Each project has been designed, built, and tested by the author to ensure success. The detailed text provides tips for simplifying layout and construction techniques, the proper use of bearings and balance to spin whirligigs in minimal wind, along with practical woodworking, metalworking, and decorating techniques. This book is a must for every craftsperson with a flair for things mechanical!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gabriel R. Zuckerman has been designing and constructing whirligigs since 1983 and has written several books and articles on the subject.

After browsing through bunch of books on Whirligigs at the local library we decided to get our own copy. This book is great with loads of useful information and pictures. The author is very skilled and creative. However, this might not be a good total beginner book. My boy friend and I have made quite a few whirli-birds (goose, duck, cardinal, etc.) but we have yet made any particular ones from this book as they are more detailed and time consuming... We look forward to try them when we get more free time.

This is a good book for whirligigs, which are always fun to build. He shows a number of examples that he has constructed. If one fits your fancy then by all means build it. But if it doesn't you are just wasting your money. There is very little that is unique in the construction methods presented. He does make good use of metal, where a lot of whirligigs are all wood.

The book is well put together with clear line illustrations and color photos of each project. The writing is clear and concise. I was able to develop my own design, building off one or two of Dr. Zuckerman's projects. You do need to be somewhat familiar with metal working or know someone who is. The turning mechanics are all meta, needing to be modified. I would suggest buying this book for ideas and basic info along with another more basic text such as one of Anders Lunde's.

Some nice ideas. This as well as another I book I purchased on this subject, the drawings are a pain to use. They are half size and difficult to enlarge to a 11x17. It would be nice if you could download them like many computer programming books who provide example software on line for downloading. Otherwise some new ideas.

Hey, lots of good instructions for models as well as knowledge base for building your own ideas. The book was a great help for me for the first whirligig I made. I don't think you can go wrong with this addition to your library.

I have never submitted a review before but felt compelled to do so for this book. Mr. Zuckerman is truly a craftsman and shares his talent with this publication. Since I am somewhat of a handyman I am familiar with most aspects of building things from toys to houses. This book provides excellent drawings and detailed descriptions to produce a first class product. The designs and applications will provide you with a long lasting product and memories of a true accomplishment.

Was a gift for my father. he made whirligigs for the entire family.

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