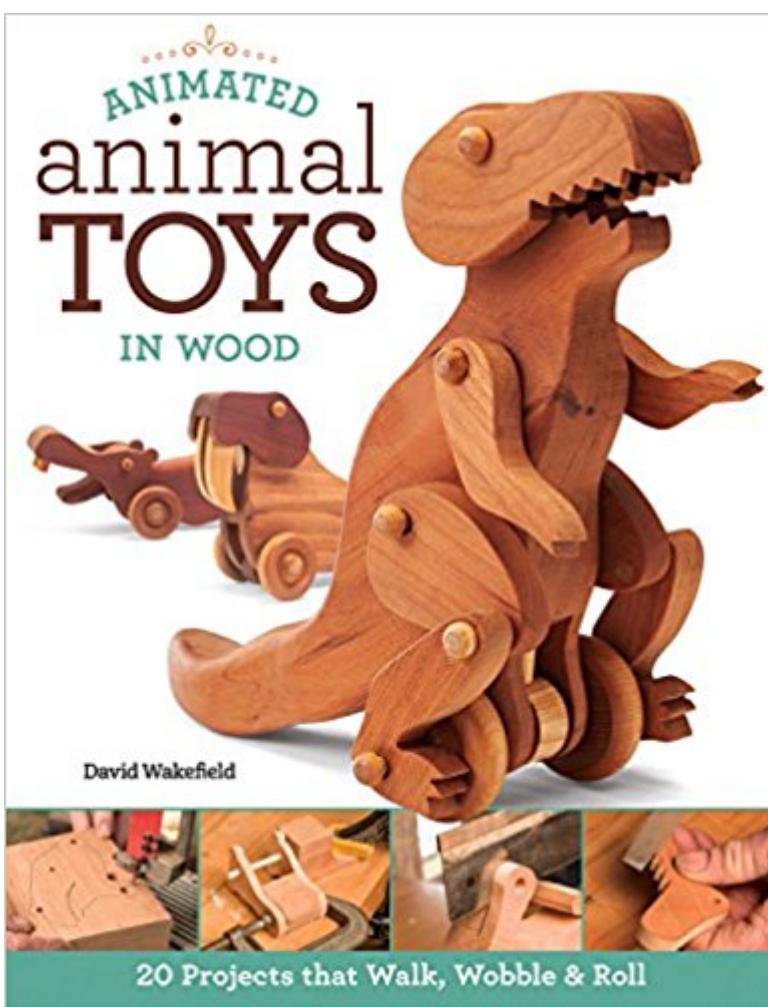


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David Wakefield is the author of *Toymaking Basics*, *How to Make Animated Toys*, and *Making Dinosaur Toys in Wood*. He has been creating toys in southeastern Ohio for 35 years.

I admire David Wakefield's talent for thinking up ways to animate these wood toys. But his book has critical errors in the plans which prevent the toys from operating at all. The Hungry Hippo plan is correct and this is a fun toy. The Cross Crocodile has the wrong geometry for the small piece that connects the two sides of the mouth. If you build it as drawn, the mouth will not close. I had to drum sand and remove enough material to get it to work. The Scented Skunk also has an error. The bottom of the 2 walnut sides of the tail do not have enough relief to clear the main body. I had to get the Dremel drum sander out and add relief because you don't find this out until after you have laminated the tail. I enter all of my designs into Sketchup before I build them, so on other plans I try from the book, I will check rotations and clearances using Sketchup before I build them. So far I have built 3 models, and 2 out of 3 had critical errors, or a 67% failure rate. Be prepared to have to make some adjustments when you build a model, because it appears the designs were not error checked very well.

Since the author doesn't permit the use of the plans for resale production it is of limited value to me. This should be stated upfront in the product description. If you are a hobbyist and only want to make one or two for the grand kids this wouldn't matter. The plans are clear and the pics are useful. Nice designs. The methods for getting the various motions used in the designs is explained upfront. One's own toy designs could incorporate these mechanical concepts without infringing on the copyrights, I think. Hobbyists should be advised that you need wood of various thicknesses-so if you don't have a planer or the ability to resaw this could be a problem. Also, a drill press, band saw (1/8" or 3/16" blade) and a rotary oscillating spindle sander makes things much simpler.

This is one of the best woodworking books I have seen. It begins with an excellent review of some woodworking techniques and wood choices for making the toys. The variety of toys are great,

ranging from very simple to rather complex mechanisms. I have made several of the toys as gifts for kids but each time I am tempted to keep them.

Lovely! I've already made several of the projects and they turned out so cute! The instructions and directions are detailed and very easy to follow. A very cute book to start making your own wooden toys, with several helping tips and suggestions.

David's designs capture the prominent characteristics of each species, while retaining a simplicity in construction. Clever animation. I built the T-Rex for my grand nephew, it functions beautifully. After finishing it I really didn't want to let it go. There were one or two minor dimensional differences between the text and the drawings. Also, because this design is rather light, it needs to be moved along on a rug to enjoy the animation; a larger, heavier design might be better for bare floors.

To support my rating I will simply share the picture of my first three Toys I made in less than a week following David Wakefield instruction. To note I had no previous experience on the topic. Thanks David!

Currently made the Turtle in this book for my friends 1 year old. I'm used to terrible instructions and these weren't the case. Found one conflicting instruction, the assembly listed using 3/8" dowel and the material list only called for 5/16" dowel. Easy to figure out he meant 5/16" cause it wouldn't work with a 3/8", aside from that had a great time after making the shell top (hardest piece to cut and it turn out right).

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