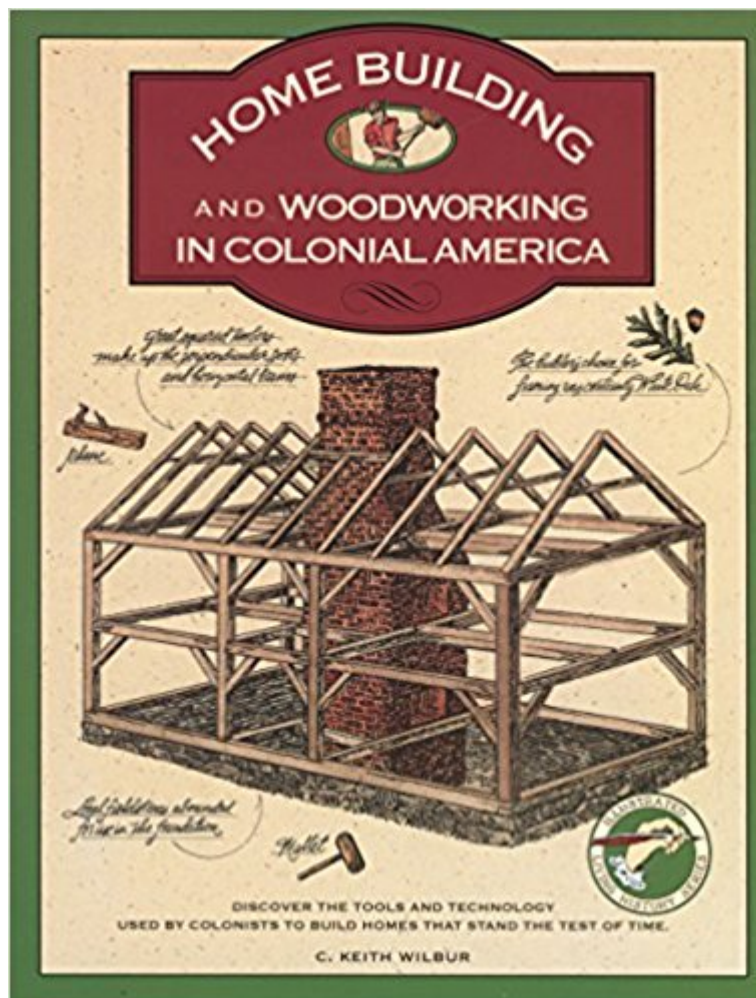




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YA-- This source covers the complete process of housebuilding used from the late 1600s to the mid-1700s from New England to the South. It is profusely illustrated, depicting the trees needed for each portion of a house, the different styles constructed, the framework required for each, and both interior and exterior treatments. Particularly fascinating are the drawings of tools. A wealth of meticulous detail is present, and the illustrations are finely drawn. A handprinted text complements the visuals. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Wilbur, a retired physician who has helped restore a house originally built in 1750, presents a wealth of information about American homebuilding during the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries. Building was labor-intensive at that time; hand tools were used to hew logs into shape. It is mind-boggling to consider the labor involved; logs were pit-sawn by hand into boards, wooden pegs were used because scarce nails were expensive, and logs were hollowed to become water pipes. Wilbur also traces the development of American architecture and decorating styles. This book is full of information on crafts that have become "lost arts" and is recommended for libraries serving those

interested in colonial life, homebuilding, or antique tools. (Illustrations not seen.)-- Jonathan Hershey, Akron-Summit Cty. P.L., OhioCopyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I bought this book in order to learn more about 18th century home building. As a reenactor, I sometimes need to be visual in showing how particular crafts work. This book was extremely helpful as it's heavily illustrated. If you want an illustrated, and extremely useful guide on tools, technology and methods, this book is for you!

This is probably the most comprehensive account of 18th century building techniques that I have read. Although, understandably it concentrates on American adaptations of ancient European building philosophy and methodology. It's clear explanations make a great contribution to architecture in the heritage area. The tools and practices outlined in great detail are those which applied worldwide until the end of the 19th century. Although written by a medico he certainly knew his stuff in this field.

This is a nice resource, but it reminds me of Eric Sloane's many books on these topics, just compiled in one volume. Even the style of writing and illustrations is like Eric Sloane's. So, being a fan of Mr. Sloane, I found it a bit hard to see his work "borrowed" in this book, this is still a neat resource of old construction methods.

Homebuilding and Woodworking in Colonial America is great for both beginner & veteran alike. The information is linked very well to the many well drawn illustrations. There's no paging back & forth to find a picture to go with the text you are reading like on previous books I've read. And those sketches are numerous & very well done. This book would give a homeowner of a 100+ year old house a good understanding of why parts of the house were built the way they were back then. Some nice little antidotes were included too. Easy reading... Couldn't put it down 'til I was finished reading.

This book was precisely what I was looking for. It had detailed instructions on how a home was constructed at a level even my wood-working Dad found informative. For those of us fascinated by the craftsmanship of this period it is a real treasure. I would recommend previewing the inside as I found the unique font challenging to read at full speed.

Good experience, worked great.

Great book for reference...and just exploring curiosity about buildings of long ago..."how DID they do that??" A great tool to use while watching various "do over-rebuild, tear down" shows on tv. Allows you to recognize structure at museums, too, i found.wonderful illustrations, logical text.

What a classic

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