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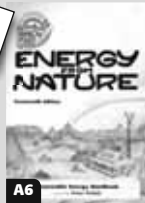
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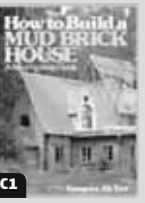
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A1 SUSTAINABLE HOUSE

– MICHAEL MOBBS (2nd Edition 2010)

This well-respected book has been updated with 100 additional pages to include the most current information on sustainable housing. Almost self-sufficient in energy generation, water harvesting and waste disposal in the middle of Sydney, Michael shares his experience of living in a sustainable house over the last 14 years. Includes tips on kitchens, bathrooms, water supply, energy, waste systems, working with councils, builders and engineers. AUS. 288 pages. Colour photos, diagrams & tables.

\$45 • 5 postage points

A2 MAKING YOUR HOME SUSTAINABLE

– DEREK F. WRIGLEY (Revised Edition 2007)

The focus is on retrofitting existing houses, but the ideas and principles are equally suited to the design phase of a new house. It is a practical book, well illustrated and backed up with examples. AUS. 124 pages, photos, diagrams, tables. See TOB 127 p.59 for a full review.

\$45 • 4 postage points

A3 WARM HOUSE, COOL HOUSE

– NICK HOLLO (New Edition, 2011)

This book is a must for anyone seriously contemplating a house that is naturally thermally comfortable. It explains simply, but in detail, the principles of passive solar design and the importance of orientation, thermal mass and insulation. AUS. 272 pages. Many photos, diagrams, plans.

\$45 • 5 postage points

A6 ENERGY FROM NATURE RENEWABLE ENERGY HANDBOOK

– COMPILED BY PETER PEDALS (14th Edition 2009)

This book is a reference guide, providing a basic working knowledge of electrical theory, followed by details to help you to design and install your own system. Describes products available, e.g. refrigeration, batteries, generators, pumps and solar panels. AUS. 140 pages. Photos, diagrams and technical information. See TOB 147 p.28 for an extract.

\$28 • 2 postage points

A7 LITTLE HOUSE ON A SMALL PLANET

– SHAY SALOMON (2nd Edition 2010)

Live in less space and have more room to enjoy it? Smart readers will discover that living small can free up your mind, your wallet and your soul. With floor plans, photographs, advice and anecdotes. You CAN build a joyful, sane life that emphasises home life over home maintenance. USA. 265 pages, detailed diagrams and photos. See TOB 148 p.72 for an extract and review.

\$30 • 5 postage points

B1 MUD BRICK AND EARTH BUILDING THE CHINESE WAY

A reminder of how ancient and universal the use of earth in building really is. Includes methods of making mud brick, wattle & daub, and rammed earth walls as well as roofing tiles and various plaster finishes. AUS. 158 pages, diagrams.

\$30 • 2 postage points

B2 BUILDING A HOUSE IN A DAY

– RON EDWARDS

An odd title for a book that is actually all about the ancient technique of cob building. Very detailed, with lots of good sketches. AUS. 100 pages, diagrams.

\$30 • 2 postage points

B3 BASIC RAMMED EARTH

Modern rammed earth has become the domain of professionals with highly specialised equipment. This book goes back to basics and shows how to do it using basic forming methods. AUS. 40 pages, 72 drawings.

\$16 • 1 postage point

B4 MUD BRICK TECHNIQUES

An informative little book at a modest price. It's based on Ron's own hands-on experience of working with mud bricks since 1950. Includes selecting soils, making bricks, laying and finishing walls. AUS. 48 pages, 130 drawings.

\$16 • 1 postage point

C1 HOWTO BUILD A MUD BRICK HOUSE

This book recognises that many people approach building their mud brick house with little or no experience. Soil selection and making, laying and finishing of mud bricks are covered in detail.

AUS. 136 pages, over 100 photos and diagrams.

Special price \$20 (usually \$38) • 3 postage points

C2 BUILDING WITH EARTH BRICKS & RAMMED EARTH IN AUSTRALIA

– EARTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (2nd Edition 2008)

Written by earth building professionals, this document is designed to be consistent with the contemporary building regulatory control and is the formalisation of industry knowledge into an easy-to-read code. AUS. 48 pages, diagrams & tables. See TOB 126 p.48 for a full review.

\$35 • 1 postage point

C3 BUILDING WITH COB

– ADAM WEISMANN & KATY BRYCE

An enthusiastic and passionate step-by-step guide to cob building. Site & design, testing soil & making a cob mix, footings, building cob walls, roofs, natural finishes & earthen floors – all areas are covered in thorough detail. UK. 270 pages, 300 photos and 80 drawings. See TOB 136 p.68 for a full review.

\$75 • 5 postage points

C4 EARTHBAG BUILDING

– KAKI HUNTER & DONALD KIFFMEYER

The authors have refined the technique of using polypropylene bags filled with earth as the building blocks for their walls. Clear, concise and easy to understand drawings and instructions accompany the text. CAN. 272 pages, photos and sketches. See TOB 134 p.56 for a full review.

\$45 • 4 postage points



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C5 THE HAND-SCULPTED HOUSE

– IANTO EVANS, MICHAEL SMITH & LINDA SMILEY

Using earth, clay, sand, straw and water, the authors blend them to create simple but beautiful cob homes. This is a complete hands-on manual about cob construction.

USA. 348 pages, well illustrated.
See TOB 134 p.41 for a full review.

\$55 • 5 postage points

C6 ECO NEST

– PAULA BAKER-LAPORTE & ROBERT LAPORTE

This book provides an excellent introduction to the philosophy and practice of building homes using 'light clay/straw,' a technique also known as light earth. It is both an informative resource and a lovely coffee table piece. USA. 136 pages, photos & sketches.

See TOB 139 p.70 for a full review.

\$55 • 4 postage points

C7 THE RAMMED EARTH HOUSE

– DAVID EASTON, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS BY CYNTHIA WRIGHT (Revised Edition 2007)

Provides easily understood information for architects, professional builders and owner builders alike. Some design basics are covered, with particular attention given to the specifics of a rammed earth building. USA. 264 pages, colour photographs.

See TOB 143 p.48 for a full review.

\$60 • 4 postage points

C8 EARTH ARCHITECTURE – RONALD RAE

This is a must have book showcasing 'state of the art' earthen building techniques, with detailed case studies from around the world. Covers rammed earth, mud brick, compressed earth block and moulded earth. USA. 208 pages, colour photos & diagrams. See TOB 155 p.68 for a full review.

\$37.50 • 4 postage points

D1 SMALL STRAWBALE – BILL STEEN, ATHENA SWENTZELL STEEN & WAYNE J. BINGHAM

– BILL STEEN, ATHENA SWENTZELL STEEN & WAYNE J. BINGHAM

An inspiring collection of small straw bale houses, studios, garden structures and outbuildings, highlighting the simple beauty of each. An inspirational starting point for those considering straw bale.

USA. 202 pages, colour photos and sketches.

See TOB 135 p.70 for a full review.

\$65 • 5 postage points

D2 THE NATURAL PLASTER BOOK

– CEDAR ROSE GUELBERTH AND DAN CHIRAS

This is the book about natural plastering systems that we needed decades ago.

The style of the book is non-technical, but firmly based on experience gained over 25 years of building. It is well illustrated, and covers every aspect of plastering.

USA. 252 pages, many photos.

See TOB 144 p.58 for a full review.

\$45 • 4 postage points

D3 BUILDING YOUR STRAW BALE HOME

– BRIAN HODGE

Step-by-step instructions, covering construction – from site preparation through footings to the roof. The integration of straw bale construction techniques with those of conventional house building is also covered.

AUS. 280 pages, photos and illustrations.

See TOB 137 p.71 for a full review.

\$70 • 4 postage points

D4 THE BEAUTY OF STRAW BALE HOMES

– ATHENA AND BILL STEEN

Celebrating the tactile, sensuous beauty of straw bale homes. This is not a technical how-to book, but does contain sidebars covering subjects like earthen plasters, paints and finishes. There is also a section on retrofitting existing homes. USA. 114 pages, colour photographs.

See TOB 143 p.51 for a full review.

\$40 • 2 postage points

D5 USING NATURAL FINISHES

– ADAM WEISMANN & KATY BRYCE

Step-by-step instructions for applying lime- and earth-based plasters, renders and paints. Includes case studies and practical examples, along with design details for using natural finishes in an eco-friendly home.

UK. 260 pages, detailed diagrams and colour photos.

See TOB 148 p.73 for a full review.

\$60 • 5 postage points

D6 BUILDING WITH AWARENESS

– TED OWENS

DVD and guidebook demystify the process of combining natural and reclaimed materials with solar technology – a step by step guide to building a hybrid home from footings to finishing touches.

USA. 5 hours DVD time + 150 colour pages.

See TOB 149 p.68 for a full review.

\$53 • 2 postage points

D7 BUILDING WITH STRAW

– MINKE & MAHLKE

A cutting edge collaboration, this book explores the modern principles of straw bale construction in the first part, followed by a project oriented section with examples of beautiful and unusual buildings.

Germany, 144 pages, colour photos & diagrams.

See TOB 138 p.70 for a full review.

Special price \$50 (usually \$100) • 4 postage pts

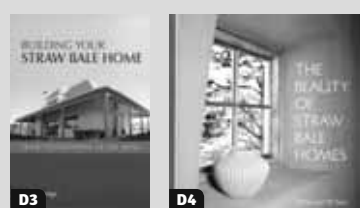
D8 STRAWBALE HOME PLANS

– WAYNE J. BINGHAM AND COLLEEN F. SMITH

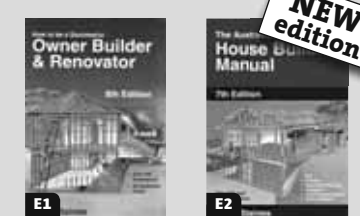
30 beautifully presented individual buildings to inspire you to build your own straw bale dream home. Each has a plan view drawing, several photographs and a brief description of the project by the owner/builder.

USA. 182 pages, colour photos.

\$35 • 6 postage points



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F3

E1 HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL OWNER BUILDER & RENOVATOR – ALLAN STAINES (8th Edition 2010)

This book gives a good overall view of owner building and house construction. Contents include Successful Planning, Understanding House Construction, Supervising the Building Process, Identifying Improper Building Practices and Common Problems.
AUS. 142 pages, diagrams & tables.

\$37 • 4 postage points



F4

E2 THE AUSTRALIAN HOUSE BUILDING MANUAL – ALLAN STAINES (7th Edition 2011)

This comprehensive step-by-step guide follows the building process in detail, from slab, through floors and walls, to roof – and everything in between. Where practical, the relevant BCA and Australian Standards are referred to.
AUS. 158 pages, many instructive diagrams.

\$40 • 4 postage points

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F5

E3 THE AUSTRALIAN RENOVATOR'S MANUAL

– ALLAN STAINES (5th Edition 2010)

If your owner building involves altering an existing house, this book will be a valuable tool. It contains everything from re-stumping floors to altering a roof and most things in between.
AUS. 112 pages, diagrams throughout.

\$27.50 • 3 postage points



F6A

E4 THE AUSTRALIAN DECKS AND PERGOLAS CONSTRUCTION MANUAL

– ALLAN STAINES (5th Edition Revised 2010)

Enjoyment of your house and garden can be greatly enhanced by linking the two with a deck or pergola. With this book it's a project that most people could attempt with confidence.
AUS. 94 pages, diagrams and timber size tables.

\$22 • 2 postage points



F6B

E5 THE ROOF BUILDING MANUAL

– LLOYD HIDDLE & ALLAN STAINES (5th Edition 2010)

Here's a book to make framing a roof easier. There are many clear drawings, step-by-step instructions, plus over 30 charts which give rafter and hip lengths for any given roof form with a pitch of 5°–75° with the bevel angles for various cuts.
AUS. 120 pages, diagrams, tables.

\$29 • 3 postage points



F7

E7 CONCRETE COUNTERTOPS – FU-TUNG CHENG

Complete guide to the design possibilities and construction techniques of concrete in your kitchen or bathroom: custom-formed, coloured, finished to look like marble, granite or glass – limited only by the imagination. USA. 202 pages, detailed diagrams and photographs. See TOB 153 p.68 for a full review.

\$40 • 5 postage points



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F3 EARTH GARDEN BUILDING BOOK

– ROBERT RICH & KEITH SMITH (Revised Edition 2005)

Covers all the stages of building your own home, from design through site preparation to finishing. It includes many different materials; earth, straw bale, stone and timber. Chapters on woodworking, roofing, doors and windows ensure that you have all the information to get started. AUS. 315 pages, photos, diagrams and tables.

\$50 • 5 postage points



G1

F4 STONE HOUSE – TOMM STANLEY (Revised Edition 2009)

Traditional stonemasonry and slipforming techniques, Tomm's unique slipforming methods, basic geology and where to source suitable stone, passive solar principles, house planning, techniques for moulding and casting concrete and restoration. NZ. 200 pages, photographs and sketches. See TOB 128 p.59 for a full review.

\$50 • 4 postage points

F5 EARTH-SHELTERED HOUSES – ROB ROY

A highly practical guide, this book brings earth-sheltered construction completely up to date, including; planning, excavation, footings, floors and walls, framing, roofing, waterproofing, insulation and drainage. CAN. 255 pages, detail photos and illustrations. See TOB 141 p.56 for a full review.

\$43 • 3 postage points

F6A THE WOMAN ON THE MOUNTAIN

– SHARYN MUNRO

Sharyn is often asked why she lives alone on a remote mountain. This book is the resulting lyrically written account of her journey towards a sustainable and truly rewarding lifestyle in her beloved mountain forests, where she has 'only' the abundant wildlife for company. AUS. 272 pages. See TOB 141 p.57 for a full review.

\$30 • 3 postage points

F6B MOUNTAIN TAILS – SHARYN MUNRO

This collection of true tales and drawings about Sharyn Munro's wild neighbours will delight her scores of fans as well as earn her many new ones. AUS. 167 pages. See TOB 153 p.74 for an extract.

\$25 • 2 postage points

F7 STONEVIEW: HOWTO BUILD AN ECO-FRIENDLY LITTLE GUESTHOUSE – ROB ROY

This book is devoted to the detailed step-by-step construction of a small 30m² octagonal building, using timber framing, cordwood masonry and a living roof. Taking around 600 man hours, the building could be completed in about 8 weeks of full-time building by two people. USA. 200 pages, detailed diagrams and photos. See TOB 147 p.49 for an extract and review.

\$40 • 2 postage points

F8 STONE PRIMER – CHARLES MCRAVEN

Learn how to choose the right stone for the right project, start building a few basic stone structures, or tackle something more complicated. There are plenty of ideas and projects to get you started on the road to being a competent stonemason.

USA. 271 pages, coloured photos. See TOB 148 p.73 for review/extract.

\$30 • 5 postage points

G1 BUILDING GREEN – CLARKE SNELL & TIM CALLAHAN

Step-by-step construction of a small green building, using earth, straw bale, plaster, cob, timber and a living roof. This book is a must for anyone contemplating a natural green home. USA. 615 pages, detailed colour photos and diagrams. See TOB 146 p.68 for a full review.

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