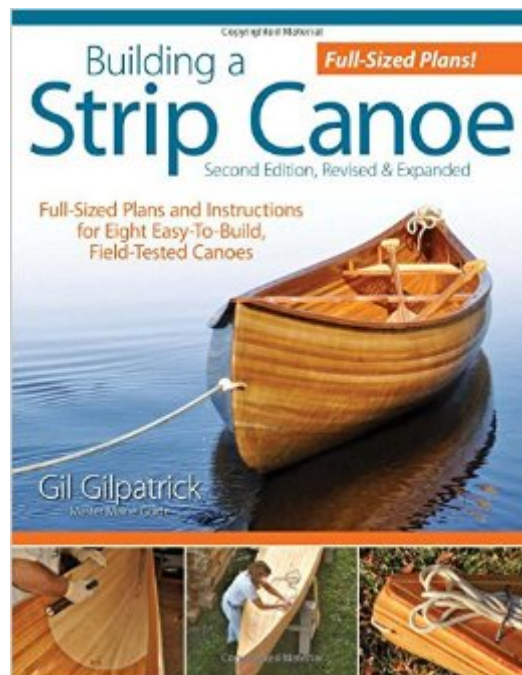


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# Building A Strip Canoe, Second Edition, Revised & Expanded: Full-Sized Plans And Instructions For Eight Easy-To-Build, Field-Tested Canoes



## Synopsis

An expert outdoorsman and canoe builder who has supervised the construction of more than 500 canoes, shares his voice of experience in guiding both novice and accomplished woodworkers in building a canoe with easy step-by-step instruction.

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Takes the reader from ignorant to expert quickly and concisely. Well detailed steps with pictures as it progresses. I bought this book on a whim after looking at what most places want for their plans. I was just trying to get a better understanding of what was involved in the process of building one of these boats before shelling out the \$50-\$100 for a single set of plans. I was impressed enough to dismiss my original idea and just build one of the eight designs in this book. All the full-size plans are included - no lofting required! Gil Gilpatrick covers every step from building the strongback and forms, sawing the strips, machining the strip profiles, scarf joining the strips, epoxy coating and fiberglass cloth, gunwales, decks, thwarts, and seats. There is an extensive section on caning seats as well as making paddles and even damage repairs if you happen to crash into a rock. One thing that popped out during the construction of the boat is that wetting out fiberglass cloth for an amateur is a 2-3 man job - which he forewarned about. The other information to be aware of is the amount of machinery needed if you plan to make your own strips. At a minimum you need a good table saw with thin kerf blade, a router table with feather boards, a cove and bead bit set, a lot of patience, and a very understanding spouse. For the remaining construction you will also need a table saw, a good

RO sander, a stationary disc/belt sander, and a truck load of sanding discs. I highly recommend this book even if you don't plan on building one of these designs. Sixteen bucks is cheap if you don't know what you're getting yourself into.

This book, in the first edition, provided all the information needed to build 8 different cedar-strip canoes. The presentation of the information itself seemed to jump around a bit too much for my taste. In particular, the chapters dealing with polyester vs epoxy led to some confusion. In this edition the information presentation process flows and that shows the growth of Mr. Gilpatrick as a how-to author. I found the pictures much more clear than the original, of which I have 3 copies, and, no, I won't part with any of them or this version, of which I'm planning to repurchase as well. (One for the shelf, and one for the shop.) Is there any higher endorsement than that? Congratulations, Gil, I think this is a masterpiece!

This book is worth every penny and more. Just the chapter on how to make/weave your own cane seats are worth the price. Plus there are 8 full size canoe patterns included... You can't find just one canoe pattern for the price of this book. I already owned the old black and white version of this book and used it to learn to build canoes. The revised color version is a nice upgrade. I've purchased several other strip canoe building books by authors, Schade, Moore, Folsom, and those books augment this book by Gil Gilpatrick... You can glean from each author, and tweak your own boat, but if you are thinking about getting started in cedar strip canoe building... This book should be your first purchase and you can manage to build beautiful canoes without having to buy any other book.

I bought two books from before building my Canoe. This one and "CanoeCraft" by Ted Moores. This one has color pictures and very detailed descriptions. They are both good books but this one is better. Gil explains in detail why he makes some of the decisions that he makes. Since everyone has an opinion on how to do things it is nice to hear why you would make certain decisions. Included is a discussion on how to modify the designs that he includes. I should mention there are about a dozen sets of Canoe plans included in this book. I used the one that closest fit my needs and using his excellent instructions I modified it to perfectly suit my needs. I never made a Canoe or any other type of boat before and I found it quite fun to make my changes. One part that this book excels at is the making of the seats. CanoeCraft has little on the subject.

Strip plank canoes are beautiful and look best in color. This book has lots of color photos! I have

bought a lot of strip plank books and most are nice color covers with only black and white inside. This book also has full size patterns included free! This book covers everything from start to finish! With lots of COLOR photos for every step!!! Everything from building and glassing the canoe to building the seats and even the paddles, no kidding! By the way, mine is the SECOND EDITION revised and EXPANDED.

The book arrived 30 mins ago and so far I am very impressed. The full size station patterns for each type of canoe covered in the book are top notch. Really looking forward to making my 1st canoe!!! Lots of detail, supplies/tools needed for each section. Photos with description. Very nice book!

This book makes the challenging task of building a wonderful family heirloom and breaks it down into easy to understand orderly steps that even a novice can comprehend and easily follow. The full color photography, and well done illustrations leave all other how to books on the shelf.

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