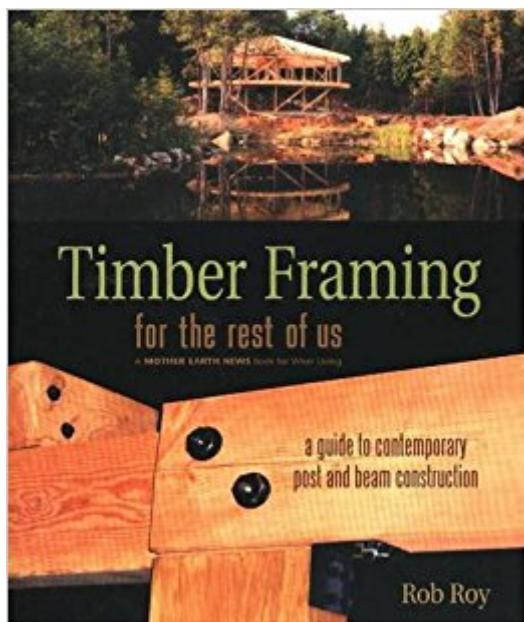


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# Timber Framing For The Rest Of Us: A Guide To Contemporary Post And Beam Construction



## Synopsis

Many natural building methods rely upon the use of post and beam frame structures that are then in-filled with straw, cob, cordwood, or more conventional wall materials. But traditional timber framing employs the use of finely crafted jointing and wooden pegs, requiring a high degree of craftsmanship and training, as well as much time and expense. However, there is another way . . .

Timber Framing for the Rest of Us describes the timber framing methods used by most contractors, farmers and owner-builders—methods that use modern metal fasteners, special screws and common sense building principles to accomplish the same goal in much less time. And while there are many good books on traditional timber framing, this is the first to describe in depth these more common fastening methods. The book includes everything an owner-builder needs to know about building strong and beautiful structural frames from heavy timbers, including: the historical background of timber framing crucial design and structural considerations procuring timbers—including different woods and recycled materials foundations, roofs and in-filling considerations the common fastenersA detailed case study of a timber frame project from start to finish completes this practical and comprehensive guide, along with a useful appendix of span tables and a bibliography.Highly illustrated, this book enables "the rest of us" to build like the professionals and will appeal to owner-builders, contractors and architects alike.Rob Roy is a former contractor with 11 previous books to his credit. He has been utilizing timber framing techniques for the past 25 years in the construction of homes, as well as in the numerous outbuildings at Earthwood Building School which he founded in 1981 with his wife, Jaki. He is most recently the author of Cordwood Building: The State of the Art (New Society, 2003).

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Rob Roy is a former contractor with twelve previous books to his credit, including Cordwood Building and Timber Framing for the Rest of Us. An expert on underground building, he founded the Earthwood Building School in 1981 with his wife, Jaki, and is frequently a speaker at events throughout North America.

The author has done a good job of explaining practical Timber Frame construction. There are fewer references to the art of traditional joinery with its demanding craftsmanship to create interlocking structural members. The book focuses of the "Timber Frame Effect" married with the modern imperatives of economy, code compliance, ease-of-use and application of new technologies. The author effectively communicates where and how the old and the new come together to create beautiful and enduring structures.

## Helpful reading!

So like many other people I was interested in Timber framing but not so interested in the massive amount of work needed to be done by hand prior to putting the building up. I picked up this book because it sounded like the perfect book for me. I found it way too general in all. The book was interesting, but certainly not enough that I feel like I could go build a Timberframe for the rest of us with. I found most of the pictures and topics were taken from other books. If you are looking for a good book buy *A Timber Frame Workshop* by Steve Chappell. Most of this stuff came from there anyways.

While the information was relevant, it was very dated. I expected more information about fasteners and assembly and was left wanting. Will be looking for something more recently published.

The author has built an interesting earth covered home. He used heavy timbers and simple joinery but ... I hope to build more traditionally styled outbuildings and found little germane advice in his treatise.

Great book, however the condition it arrived in was not. The first 15 pages of the first chapter fell out almost immediately.

OK book. Not quite what I thought it would be. Already knew most of the material.

I had heard about Rob Roy and wanted to check him out, but I found this book to be utter garbage. Framing must not be his strong point. He vaguely describes some glossary terms, like "shear" or "load"... and delivers little else than that. Seriously, there are so many good books on framing out there, don't waste your money on this knockoff.

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