

Action Contraptions: Easy-To-Make Toys That Really Move

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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Action Contraptions: Easy-To-Make Toys That Really Move:

Presents instructions for making cars, trucks, and other toys out of materials found around the house.

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Grade 3-6 The authors of Easy-to-Make Spaceships That Really Fly (1983), Easy-to-Make Water Toys That Really Work (1985), and Spacecrafting: Invent Your Own Flying Spaceships (1986, all Prentice-Hall) have produced another successful craft book. This volume features action toys such as tops, wind toys, and cars. The projects are made from recycled objects (plastic soda bottles), simple materials found at home (paper plates and cups), and inexpensive items (ping pong balls). Some projects call for the use of food in their construction (chewed gum for use as "glue," and gumballs, lifesavers, and carrot slices employed as wheels). Clearly-stated directions are accompanied by simple diagrams illustrating each step of the construction. The style is lively and readable. A brief section on safety is included, with several guidelines restated in the instructions for individual projects. General tips on "jazzing up" the toys is complemented by repeated encouragement for children to design their own creations, providing an excellent springboard for young inventors. Jeanette Larson, Mesquite Public

