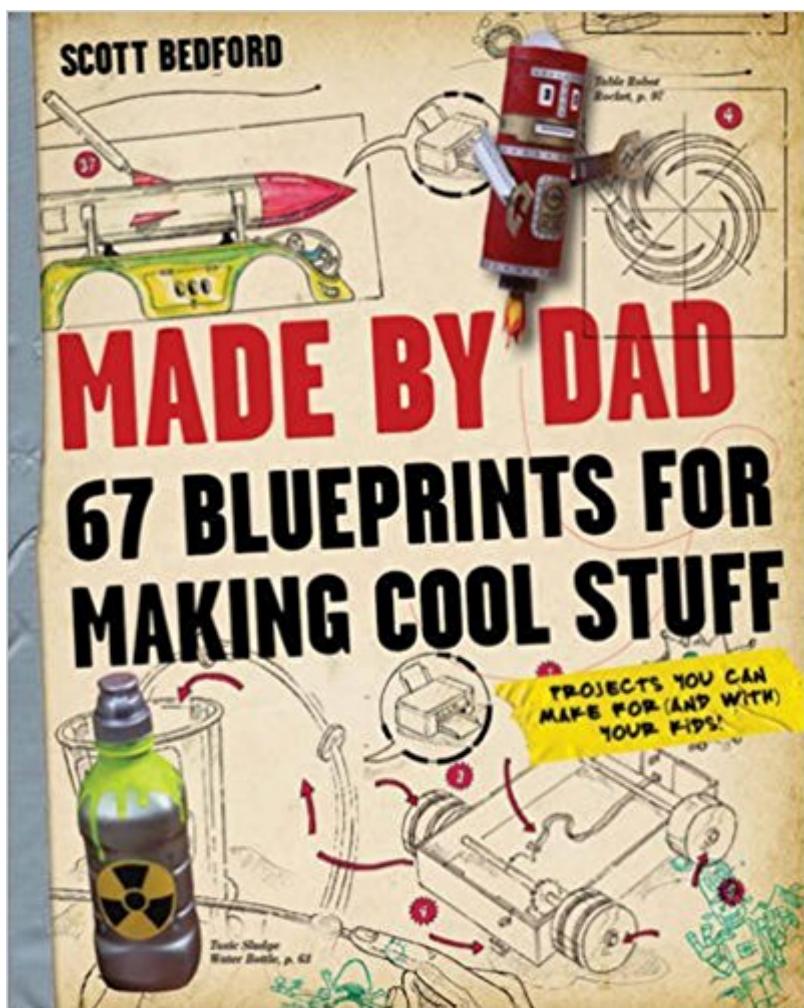


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# Made By Dad: 67 Blueprints For Making Cool Stuff



## Synopsis

The Snail Soup Can Decoy to keep the candy stash safe. The Customizable "Keep Out" Sign to deter meddlesome siblings and parents. A Bunk Bed Communicator made from cardboard tubes ("Psst! Can you keep the snoring down?"). Clever, whimsical, and kind of genius, here are 67 unique projects that will turn any dad with DIY leanings into a mad scientist hero that his kid(s) will adore. No screens, no hi-tech gadgetry. Made by Dad combines the rough-edged, handmade ethos of a Boy Scout manual or The Dangerous Book for Boys with a sly sense of humor that kids love. Scott Bedford, a creative director by day and Webby Award-winning blogger by nights and weekends, wields an X-ACTO knife, magic marker, and prodigious imagination to create endlessly delightful projects for his two sons. He knows that kids like contraptions and gadgets, things that are surprising—a chair that appears to be balanced on eggshells. Things that are complex—a multilevel city, with buildings, tunnels, and roads, built from old boxes around the legs of a table. And especially things with humor—the Snappy Toast Rack, made to resemble a crocodile's gaping mouth. The projects are shown in full-color photographs, and the instructions are illustrated in detailed line drawings that exude personality. Some are quick and simple enough to be done in a coffee shop; others are more of an afternoon project—yielding hours and hours of rich, imaginative playtime.

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## Customer Reviews

“Made by Dad: 67 Blueprints for Making Cool Stuff by Scott Bedford is so good it hurts because you know that if your own dad had had this book in his hands, your childhood would have totally rocked. “Chock-full doesn’t even come close to describing the teeming nature of this tome. The fun photos, cool diagrams, clear instructions and handy cut-out templates run the gamut from wacky home decorations and gadgets (like setting up a Bunk Bed Communicator) to subversively educational science projects (like getting sucked into a Gravity-Defying Black Hole) to zany party ideas (like making Radioactive Sports Drinks).“Hey, dad, want to ratchet up your coolness quotient? Pick up a copy of Scott Bedford’s new book.“I made the mistake of leaving this book on the coffee table recently where my nearly 5-year-old scooped it up, spent 30 minutes paging through it and then cornered me in the kitchen with a list of projects from it he wanted to make. . . .Moms, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friendly neighbors would all make good ring leaders for these projects. . . .My son was enchanted.“

“A treasury of 67 clever, exciting and imaginative projects. . . . Getting kids to make and create instead of simply consume and use is a challenge for parents. . . . Made by Dad provides a good place to begin.“Remember all the crazy things you made as a kid, like ramps for toy cars or contraptions for pulling pranks? In his first book, illustrator Bedford, who also blogs at What I Made, gets in touch with his inner child. With a host of silly projects, this title is directed at parents looking for interactive activities for their children. . . . What’s not to love? This engaging compilation is clever and entertaining. A fantastic book.“

Scott Bedford is, by day, creative director at Velti, an ad agency in London, and by nights (and weekends) a Webby Award-winning blogger and occasional columnist for Make magazine who creates really cool stuff with and for his two young sons. He lives with his family in London, England.

My son got this when he was six and has been pouring over the blueprints for almost a year. We have built a few of the projects and they are so much fun. You don’t have to be an artist as long as you aren’t a perfectionist. Let kids draw how they like and they will have a great time. I also bought a similar book that is a mom version, but it doesn’t have as many pictures. I think he will like it better when he is older. For now, kid, dad AND mom are having a great time with this book.

This was purchased as a gift for my husband when we were expecting our first son. They have only done a few of the smaller things together so far but my husband loves it! There are so many fun crafts/experiments to choose from. My husband is not the craftiest type so this book was a great one stop shop for father/son ideas.

I got this for my husband for fathers day, it's really good but my kids are 4yrs old and the stuff is for a little bit older kids. so we will put it away for a while until kids are bit older.

Everything was made out of paper and not at all what I expected. Projects were very complicated and not something a dad and child could work on together

Not what we thought. We were hoping for some cool building projects (for father and son) and it was more arts and crafts based. My husband is not artsy, so back it went. Would be great for someone who is artistic.

I wasn't very happy with this. It only had projects made of paper and cardboard. Not overly interesting. If you are looking for paper crafts to do with your kids you may enjoy it. I was looking for more advanced projects.

If you want to work with mostly card board this is the book for you i have a 5, 10 and 12 year old and they didn't want to do any of these projects

My grandson loved this book when I gave it to him; along with a bag of marshmallows and spaghetti to do one of the projects!Great variety of things to make. Useful games and art work...Wished I had gotten this at the beginning of the summer instead of at the end! (So does my grandson)

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