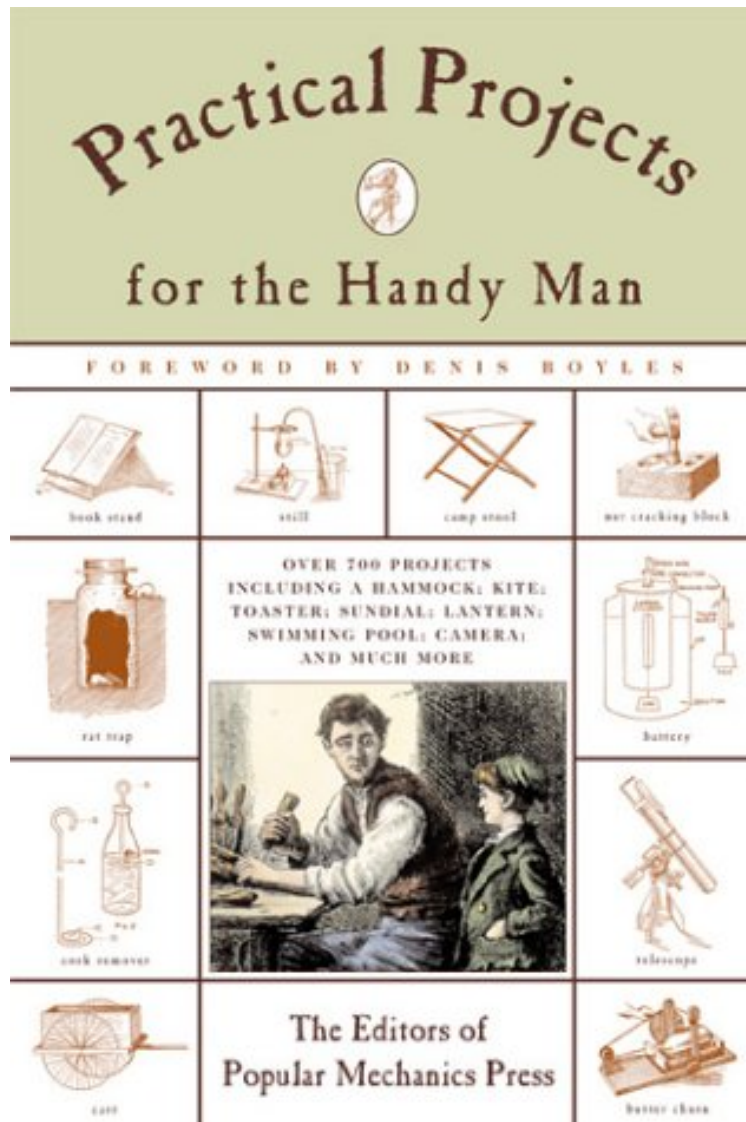


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Over 700 practical projects (and over 800 illustrations).

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