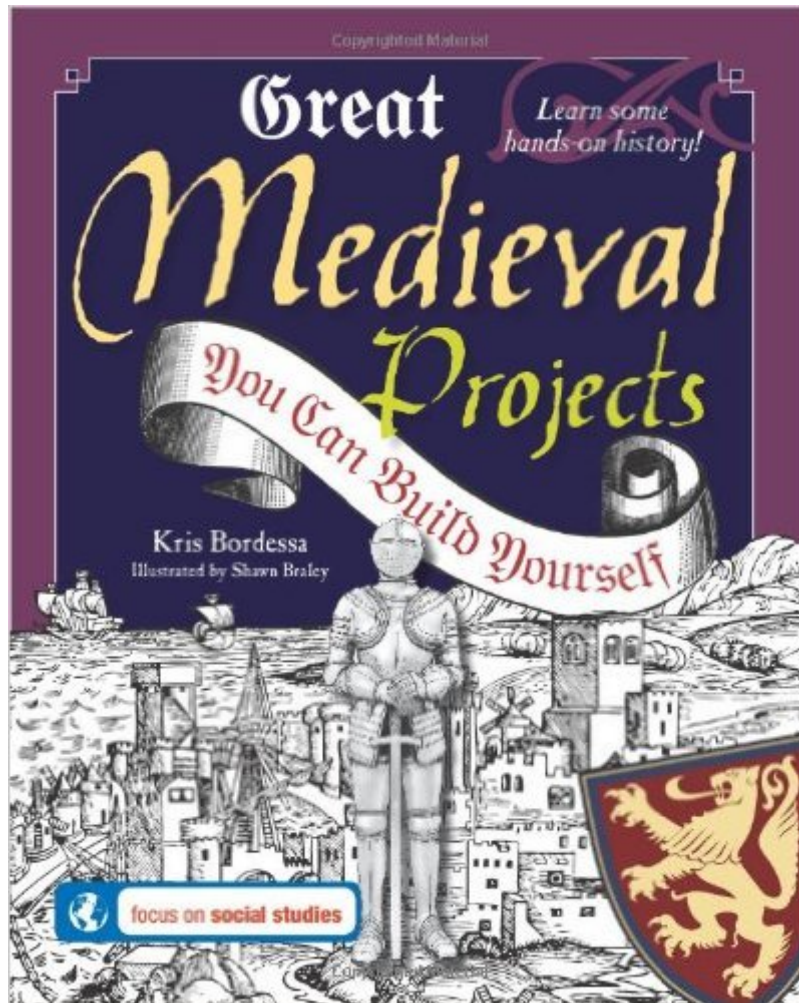


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# Great Medieval Projects: You Can Build Yourself (Build It Yourself)



## Synopsis

Great Medieval Projects You Can Build Yourself brings the Middle Ages in Europe alive through hands-on activities for kids ages 9-12. Addressing various aspects of medieval life, this book provides historically accurate details of the period leading up to the Renaissance. From monastic life to castle living, villages to towns, each section offers a glimpse into the daily existence of the people who lived in medieval Europe. Sidebars and fun trivia break up the text. Readers will expand their knowledge of this era beyond knights, fair maidens, and castles as they learn about siege warfare, life in a medieval village, medieval clothing, markets and fairs, the Plague, medieval medicine, and the Crusades.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

This is a great little book with lots of fun and interesting facts about the medieval period. I feel the projects were a bit weak, but overall the book might inspire a child or student to learn more and perhaps discover, or create, even better medieval projects to build. The projects range from simple recipes to a fairly complex helmet made from plaster of Paris. Many of the projects can be made with materials at hand. The instructions for the projects are somewhat sparse, so additional

guidance might be required for younger children who are not skilled at crafting. On the plus side, a lack of details allows more creativity and there is no pressure to make it look "just like the picture". The marshmallow cannon was a particular disappointment, nothing more than a marshmallow shooter (i.e. blowgun) made from PVC pipe, not even vaguely cannon-like. So if you are just looking for medieval projects to build, skip this book and search out the many more interesting and detailed medieval projects available on-line.

Not only do you get wonderful projects with this book, but it also gives a nice view of history during that time period with small bits of how things were in that period. It comes with step by step instructions as well as pictures, vocabulary for each chapter. We are enjoying this book during our Middle Ages Unit. We are also using this along side Project Middle Ages by Homeschool in the Woods, which you can find at ([...](http://www.homeschoolinthewoods.com)).homeschoolinthewoods.com and Knights and Castles by Williamson publishing

My first grader loves having me read about the projects in this book. There's also a lot of good background information. I read her a little section about common phrases and now I hear her using them in her play!

Fun book with directions so clear that my 9 & 11 year old can do most of the projects by themselves! I wasn't sure about this book when I read the reviews so I checked it out from the library. I bought it within days because I just knew it would be a book that racked up fines!

This is a fantastic book for kids 3rd grade-7th grade. I love that it has tons and tons of history - and not just what you would expect. This goes beyond castles and kings to discuss pilgrims, the prophet Mohammed, monasteries, and food of the time period. It's more in depth than what my son learned in school. I thought the projects were creative and spanned a wide range. I love the cooking projects (almond milk, butter, pretzels) but there are also tons of building and craft projects (juggling sticks, grail, chain mail, thatched roof, helmet, trebuchet, etc) which are not just busy work, but designed to give kids a real feel for the time period. This is the book you want if your child has to do a project for school. This also makes a great gift for kids who are fascinated by knights, swords, and kings. If your family goes to a Renaissance fest, this is something your kids will enjoy to help them remember the fun they had there! I thought the instructions were easy to follow and there's enough in this book for the pickiest kid to find something. Great book to keep around for a rainy day as well!

I glanced through the book, but can't give a proper review as I had to return the Kindle version. There are no page numbers in the Kindle version. We wanted to use this for Tapestry of Grace, but TOG lists the reading assignments by page number, so we'll buy the print version instead.

Such a great book! I borrowed it from my library and realized I had to own my own copy cause I use it so much.

Great for brushing up on some history. It's a very simple read. And the projects inside seem to be very easy.

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