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Review

``Even though we didn't build a Kevlar canoe ourselves with the book, its easy-to-follow directions certainly make us want to." (*Paddler*)

From the Back Cover

As any canoe enthusiast knows, Kevlar is the perfect hull material for building strong, light (35 pounds for a 17-footer), fast, maintenance-free canoes. Far superior to fiberglass, Kevlar--literally bulletproof and virtually indestructible--has one drawback: It's expensive. A factory-built Kevlar canoe can easily sell for \$2,000 or more.

Here's a low-tech method for building high-tech canoes from Kevlar. With this book, the most inexperienced home builder can turn out a handsome canoe for an investment of about \$600 and a few weekends. The building method centers on the foam sheathing used in home insulation, drywall compound, a \$5 hand plane, and a sharp pair of scissors. Boatbuilding doesn't come any easier than this.

Ingenious, simple, and inexpensive.

Here is all you need to know to build a light, strong, maintenance-free Kevlar canoe in your backyard or basement--without an elaborate tool collection or years of boatbuilding experience.

- A Tripper for Extended Wilderness Journeys
- A Stable Family Canoe
- A Swift Solo Canoe

About the Author

James Moran has been building canoes for more than 20 years. Searching for an easier way to build these boats, he hit upon this amazingly simple method in 1986 and has tested it on a squadron of novice builders, all of whom came away with excellent canoes. When not at his workbench, the Ely, Minnesota, resident is likely out paddling.

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