

# Make: Like The Pioneers: A Day in the Life with Sustainable, Low-Tech/No-Tech Solutions

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**The Editors of Make: : Make: Like The Pioneers: A Day in the Life with Sustainable, Low-Tech/No-Tech Solutions** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Make: Like The Pioneers: A Day in the Life with Sustainable, Low-Tech/No-Tech Solutions:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DIY low/no-tech projectsBy audrey francesI was not familiar with Make: magazine, though now I've learned it delineates DIY projects that are often electronic and modern in focus, so this manual is a departure from their usual style. This manual collects 13 projects culled from the last ten years of the publication. Each article is written by a different author, and the editors have organized the projects into a pioneer's day. The topics are making: a fire with a bow drill, bacon lard soap, apple cider, paper, bookbinding, a stool and a chair. There is a great lesson on lashing things together -- very useful for gardeners! -- as well as instructions for pickling, brining a turkey, roasting pumpkin seeds, and building da Vinci's reciprocating mechanism and a prehistoric oil lamp.The projects are interesting, and I was really impressed by the clear instructions and plentiful, useful photos.

My only complaint is that I would have liked more projects! This is fun and informative for the DIY-er, but would also be useful for homeschoolers who want to talk about pioneer (or Renaissance or prehistoric) life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing.... By Amy E. Henry I expected that the audience for this book was for younger people. Reading the description made it sound like that. "Like the Pioneers" definitely has an elementary school age edge to it. Alas, it is for adults. Building log type furniture, canning, making cider. These are adult projects. As they are, the book is somewhat minimal in content. If, as an adult, I purchased this, I'd be disappointed. Making cider takes several pages, but how many except the most fervent back-to-the-farm people will do that? I also tried to follow the instructions as shown in text and photos and neither are completely comprehensive. There's some guesswork going on for the reader. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fairly short but worthy collection of projects. By Gavin Scott This is a collection of 13 articles from Make magazine, written by different authors, each one being a maker project that does not involve any electrical components, and you could probably have done most of these 150 years ago. It's a relatively thin volume for the price, but the projects are all interesting and things you might actually want to make. You can see the full contents in the "Look inside this Book" feature of for the complete list of projects. The book is only around 100 pages long, so there are just a few pages for most projects, and the writing and illustration varies depending on the author and age of the article. But I found all the projects interesting, and will consider trying them all out at some point. The projects are divided up into "morning", "afternoon", and "evening" projects, though this division seems sort of unnecessary and forced. Most of them don't require exotic materials, and you might either have the tools and materials laying around your house already, or a quick trip to just about any store would set you up. Having some outdoor space to work would be a requirement for many of them. Would be a good gift book for a teenager or anyone interested in making things with their hands. G.

You may have mastered Arduino and 3D printing, but what will you make when the power goes out? This book, featuring projects drawn from previous issues of Make: and Craft:, features projects you can build with little or no technology. Whether it's making your own cider or starting a fire with a bow drill, the projects in this book will let you keep making even when you're away from civilization. Whether you're on a camping trip or fortifying the last human settlement against hordes of zombies, you'll find something in this book that will keep you happy, engaged, and most important of all... alive! Projects include: Making fire with a bow drill Old-school bookbinding Kitchen table cider making Hogwash bacon soap Da Vinci reciprocating mechanism The Rok-Bak chair Olive oil lamp

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