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Arrow Making And Fletching For Longbows: A Simple, Illustrated Guide



Synopsis

A simple and illustrated guide for longbows. Learn how to create your own wooden arrows with advice on tools, colour schemes, and simple to understand images. Created by a longbowyer for archers, beginners and experts alike.

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Customer Reviews

I like it.

There's not a terrible amount of information here, and most of it is so vague and general as to be useless. The author tells us that she owns three flights (i.e., sets) of arrows- that might mean as many as 36, or as few as 9. Someone who's only made 36 arrows certainly isn't someone you'd go to for advice on arrow making. She also seems unfamiliar with much of the terminology of arrow making- she refers to "nocks made directly from the shaft of the arrow" rather than the common term, self nocks. She mentions that changing the weight of the arrow point will change the point of impact, but neglects to note that it will change the effective spine of the arrow as well. She states that "you will need to match your bow to the weight and length of the arrow shaft" which sounds

nonsensical. One matches the arrow's spine to the weight of the bow and the length of the draw. The experienced archer reading this short (36 page) pamphlet may well wonder if the author has ever actually made an arrow- or drawn a bow. There's far more actual, useful information on arrow making to be found in archery forums, and at the sites of companies selling fletching jigs and arrow making supplies.

This book is well-written in dry English, and germane to the sport of English longbow archery. If that's your passion, indulge your technical lusts in this book. If you just want to know how to make good arrows, this book is still good, depending on how the breadth of knowledge you desire. I got it pretty cheap, so it was worth it. YouTube has a bunch of simpler how-to's for the simpler shooters.

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