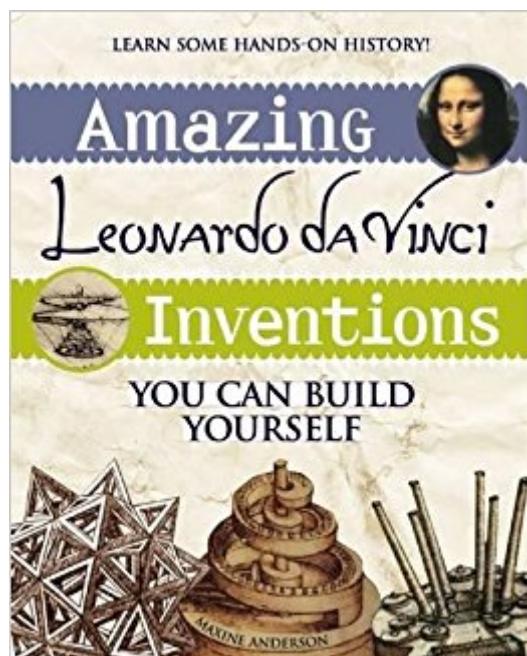


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# Amazing Leonardo Da Vinci Inventions: You Can Build Yourself (Build It Yourself)



## **Synopsis**

Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself introduces readers to the life, world, and incredible mind of Leonardo da Vinci through hands-on building projects that explore his invention ideas. Most of Leonardo's inventions were never made in his lifetime; they remained sketches in his famous notebooks. Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself shows you how to bring these ideas to life using common household supplies. Detailed step-by-step instructions, diagrams, and templates for creating each project combine with historical facts and anecdotes, biographies and trivia about the real-life models for each project. Together they give kids a first-hand look into the amazing mind of one the world's greatest inventors.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 5-8-Anderson has combined biography with doable activities that mirror ideas found in Leonardo's notebooks. Using common household objects (duct tape, foil, cereal boxes, paper-towel tubes, etc.), readers can make a parachute, hydrometer, invisible ink, walk-on-water shoes, etc. Anderson introduces each project with an explanation of why Leonardo came up with the idea and

whether he created just the sketch or the sketch and the object. Detailed steps and illustrations provide clarity. Adult supervision is noted where appropriate. Readers will probably be more interested in the activities than in Leonardo's life and the Renaissance background that Anderson provides, but this title will be a welcome addition to schools in which cross-curricular teaming is in place. Science classes can re-create Leonardo's ideas while English classes can read excerpts from his notebooks and history classes can discuss the Renaissance.-Delia Carruthers, Sunset Ridge Middle School, West Jordan, UT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

The New York Times Book Review"Anderson regales us with tales of Leonardo's brilliant, often mischievous nature, and the nearly unfathomable range of his inventions."School Library Journal"A welcome addition to schools"Old Schoolhouse Magazine"Will keep the kids occupied with constructive activities and is sure to spur on their own creative inventions."Seattle Post-Intelligencer"More than an activity book, this nifty volume explores Leonardo's life, times and endless imagination."KLIATT"A pleasurable read. . . encourages the young reader to appreciate the unconventional pathfinder."Publishers Weekly"Bring[s] an immediacy to da Vinci's life and work."Science News"This educational guide gives children age 9 and up hands-on experience, using materials found readily around the house, with creating their own version of some of Leonardo's inventions."Calliope Magazine"Amazing Leonardo Inventions You Can Build Yourself by Maxine Anderson is a terrific resource, with its detailed step-by-step instructions, diagrams and templates for creating projects that Leonardo designed. The accompanying text introduces the reader, in a personal way, to one of the world's greatest inventors"Curriculum Connections"Anderson offers an ingenious introduction [to Leonardo] that cross the curriculum."Science Books and Films"The book is perfect for capturing a middle schooler's attention! Highly Recommended."Chosen as one of "Our Favorite Things" for the 2006 holidays by Family Fun Magazine;"Decoding Da Vinci's sometimes ingenious, sometimes outlandish discoveries proves to be great fun in Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself "Children's Digest"Experience the ingenuity of Leonardo da Vinci firsthand."Children's Literature"This is a book of fun and creativity."

This book, Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself sold by Maxine Anderson is just that... AMAZING!! If the inventions weren't amazing enough (which they are of course), you'll definitely learn A LOT with the content. The book is thorough, awesome, easy read and great for an

extracurricular activity for students... and adults alike!!

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This book is good for 8+ year old inventor types. However, parents be forewarned: you better be handy because most of these inventions require an adult to do much of the construction.

A hands on kind of book where you learn a bit about DaVinci and you also get to reproduce some of his projects. Projects are reasonably interesting and done with various easy to find materials like cardboard, pieces of wood and other household materials. Make your own paint, Hydrometer, hygrometer, trebuchet and stuff like that. Over all I like the way this book is handled with both interesting stuff about Davinci and some hands on projects. Great for curious minds.

This was perfect for our 8 year old son . We just purchased this second one for a birthday gift for a 9 year old . There are so many small and larger scale inventions to be made . A lot of the stuff you'll find that you already have on hand . Makes for inexpensive entertainment and great for family night . My son is on the autism spectrum and was totally engaged and absolutely fascinated by the things he could create .I would highly recommend this book . Beats playing video games hands down !

This was a gift for a Science-obsessed niece. Some of the projects are a lot more difficult than others, but she seems to like it.

What a simply great book any kid would love this one boy or girl, heck i am 52 and i bought it for me.....history and fun and learning, great supporting websites printed in the back pages of the book too.fun experiments, this is just simply an invitation for an afternoon of fun with your son or daughter.....

I was expecting a little more challenging inventions.

I purchased this book for a summer camp program. It gives you some good ideas but the directions are terrible. You have to do a ton of experimenting to get anything to work. The project on page 80, the ornithopter even has errors in the diagrams. Disappointed!

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