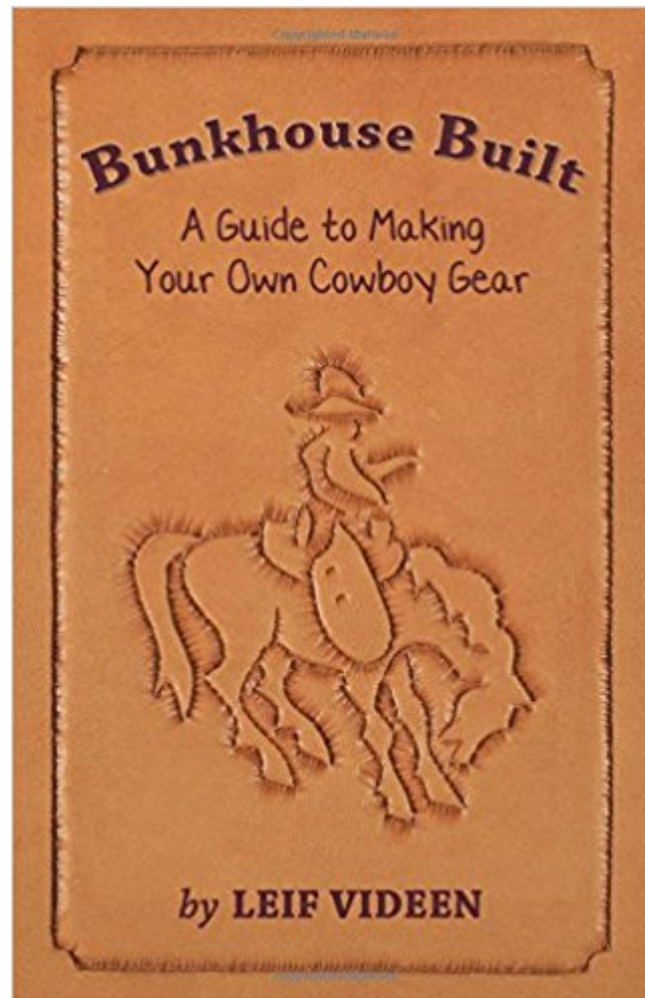




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Leif Videen, a cowboy for the Upper Green River Cattle Association in western Wyoming, spends much of the year in remote mountain cow camps. He loves the simple and free life of the mountain cowboy and has been making his own gear since he was a kid. His stories and articles have appeared in *Cowboy Magazine*.

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If you ever wanted to make your own cowboy gear, this is a great book to get you started. Amazing hand drawn illustrations takes out the guess work. Helpful hints, so you can avoid time consuming mistakes. Most of the items needed are already in your home or garage, even if you do not own a horse. Great book report possibility, for a youngster that has to do a speech presentation...they can make one of the items in the book for show and tell.

This quaintly illustrated book has gathered together a collection of hard-to-find, everyday tips on--as the title suggests--horse gear you can build yourself in the bunkhouse. Some general information on working with leather is provided: Pointers on how to hand sew leather, the basics on lacing leather, setting a rivet, and how to finish leather edges to give them a "polished and professional" look are presented. Tying basic knots--bowline knot, honda knot, back braid, turk's head, bleed knot, and square knot--are covered. Using this basic knowledge, projects on building gear--for the cowboy and the horse--then fill the remainder of the book. *BUNKHOUSE BUILT* is a friendly reference. It's like sitting down with the author, Leif Videen, and receiving one-on-one instructions. As you work through a project, his own first-hand, trial-and-error knowledge shines through. As a result, Leif gives you tips to steer you out of trouble and onto the correct path so things to turn out right!

Like this book for its practicality. Quick solutions to problems that arise with horses and outdoors. Solutions are inexpensive but useful.

Has a lot of usable information, Everything is able to be made and used. Very definitely a good buy and makes sense on how to do things.

Clear and concise methods for making and repairing "cowboy" gear.

A very good book for learning how to build some cowboy crafts. Good illustrations and text. I bought one for a friend of mine

Nice humble and easy to understand. Handy projects and ideas. Good buy. For more detail, buy Bruce Grants books: Cowboy Horse Gear, Encyclopedia of Rawhide & Leather Braiding, etc.

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