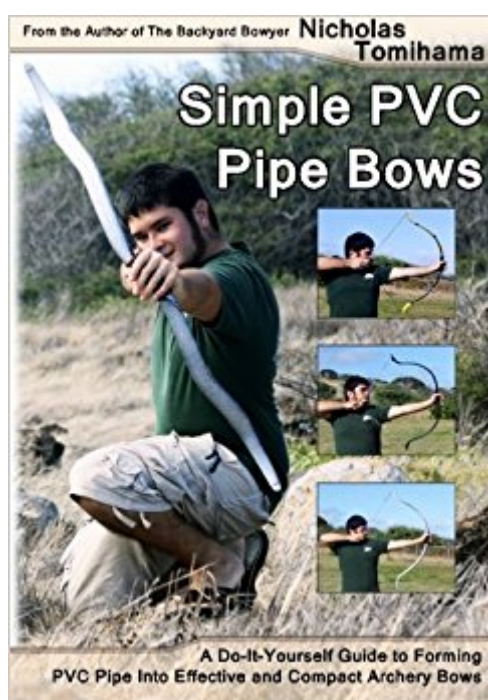


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Simple PVC Pipe Bows: A Do-It-Yourself Guide To Forming PVC Pipe Into Effective And Compact Archery Bows



Synopsis

Whether it's out fishing, in the woods, at the range or even in the backyard, the sport of archery in all its forms can be fun and rewarding for all ages. In this day of mass production, the draw of being able to make something with your hands is greater than ever. PVC plumbing pipe, with its unique blend of qualities, offers both the experienced and beginner archer an opportunity to build their own dependable bows without any previous experience. Simple PVC Pipe Bows shows you how build a solidly performing bow with little in the way of equipment, work space, time and material cost, whether it's one or hundreds. Youth Recurve : A small and light bow at home in the backyard as well as on the range. It's perfect for women and teen archers with its shorter draw and compact size. While geared for young archers, this bow can hold its own as a short pack bow or training bow for an archer of any age. Horse Bow : This reflexed bow reminiscent of the short bow of the nomads of Central Asia and Eastern Europe is ideal for learning the art of mounted archery. With a smooth draw and compact size, this bow is a sweet shooter on foot as well. Snakey Recurve : Designed after wooden bows which work with the natural contours of gnarled wood, the snakey recurve is an ideal bow for the hunter or fisherman looking to craft his own equipment. Its serpentine curve brings the string in line with the center and tilts the handle making for a bow that is more accurate and comfortable to shoot.

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Dear Reader, Archery is an amazingly rewarding sport and for many including myself, a way of life. There are many ways to get into archery, many different styles of bow and many

reasons to shoot. All aspects of archery should be respected and each is rewarding. Within these pages you will find instructions and pictures showing how I build simple bows from PVC pipe. These bows are designed to be simple, utilizing only a single PVC pipe for a single bow. Yet while simple, they offer power and performance comparable to bows that require more work and equipment to build. While PVC is more forgiving and more easily formed into an efficient working bow than any other material, the methods explained here are not automatic or effortless. A PVC bow requires your patience and respect, just like any other bow. Rushing into it, being ill prepared or skimping on methods may result in failure. Before I immersed myself in building bows from PVC pipe, I shaped and crafted bows from single staves of wood, multiple laminations of wood and bows of wood and fiberglass. Even after building bows for years they aren't easy. Sure it doesn't take nearly as much time and I've developed a feel for them that makes the most tedious processes go quickly, but they aren't easy to make in any way. As a bowyer who has built hundreds of bows, I still have trouble making them all go the way I want all the time. My success rate isn't 100% and I don't think it ever will be. I work with several thousand dollars in equipment that makes building a bow in an hour possible. Yet add in the time it takes to let wood dry, glue to set, finish to cure and the constant adjustment required for each bow to reach maturity and it can take months for a bow to go from raw wood to finished product. As a beginner with few tools and no previous experience, it can take days if not weeks of work to reduce a stave into a working bow. The process of teaching wood to bend alone can take many hours of seemingly endless toil and adjustment. It's not difficult work and is definitely worth it, but it is strenuous and tedious work. Even after all this, a beginner with no formal instruction would be lucky to have a bow that shoots faster than 100 feet per second with a matched arrow. Even after all the work I put into them, my selfbows don't regularly exceed 150 fps and the fastest bows barely exceed 170 fps. While some of my laminated bows do reach into the 200's, they are the exception rather than the rule. My first performance PVC bow, which took a few hours of shaping and tweaking before I had any experience with it and no guide on the subject existed, still to this day exceeds 140 fps with a matched arrow. Over the last year I have received countless testimonials from happy owners of PVC bows they built with their own hands. It isn't easy but it's doable and more accessible than virtually any other material for the beginner. With a little practice and patience, bows that rival even commercial bows in performance and speed are possible with few tools, PVC pipe and raw determination. -Nick Tomihama

Welcome to Simple PVC Pipe Bows! Thank you for joining me on this journey. Believe me, building

bows from PVC pipe is truly a journey. This book is an introduction to a few of the many styles and performance levels of bow that can be made from PVC pipe.

This book is a fantastic introduction to building bows out of PVC pipe. Nick provides much of this material on his free youtube channel, so you may be thinking, why buy the book? However, the book provides added detail and a broader base of understanding behind the creation of these bows (as well as aspects of archery in general), not to mention all the bonus content provided, such as how to make a bow string, and how to make arrows out of bamboo shafts - the latter alone will save you hundreds of dollars that you might have spent otherwise on commercially made arrows. It shows you how to make bows in a logical progression, starting from a simple bow that serves as a basis for later projects, then working up to more and more complex shapes. I wish I'd had this book when first starting out (would probably have saved me a lot of time and headache). What the book and the youtube channel do is nicely complement each other. The book provides depth and detailed instructions while the channel provides additional visuals and inspiration. Hats off to Nick for writing a great manual.

This book has the measurement charts and all the details to make your own working archery bow from PVC pipe. I made one and am amazed at how well it works for such a humble material. A 10 foot length of 3/4" pipe cost less than \$2.00 and has enough material to make two bows. Compare that price to a commercial bow, even one from a garage sale, and not only do you have a bargain bow, but have also gained a new skill by making it. How cool is that?

Great Book, Work well with his YouTube channels.

If you are into it, this is the book to start at. It could have been longer but the subject is well covered.

There's nothing more fun than building your own bow. Plus the materials you use are inexpensive and easy to get a hold of.

I ordered this for my son! He's already made several bows - easy to follow instructions!!

I like the way Nick explains things. He explains things in a way that makes me think, hey I can do this. I have watched his YouTube videos, and that led me to buy the book.

Love this book! I've made about 8 bows so far and given most of them away. Now that most of my friends have bows I think I can start charging for them. I've used the techniques learned in this book to make a few other things too, now that I'm more familiar with working with PVC.

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