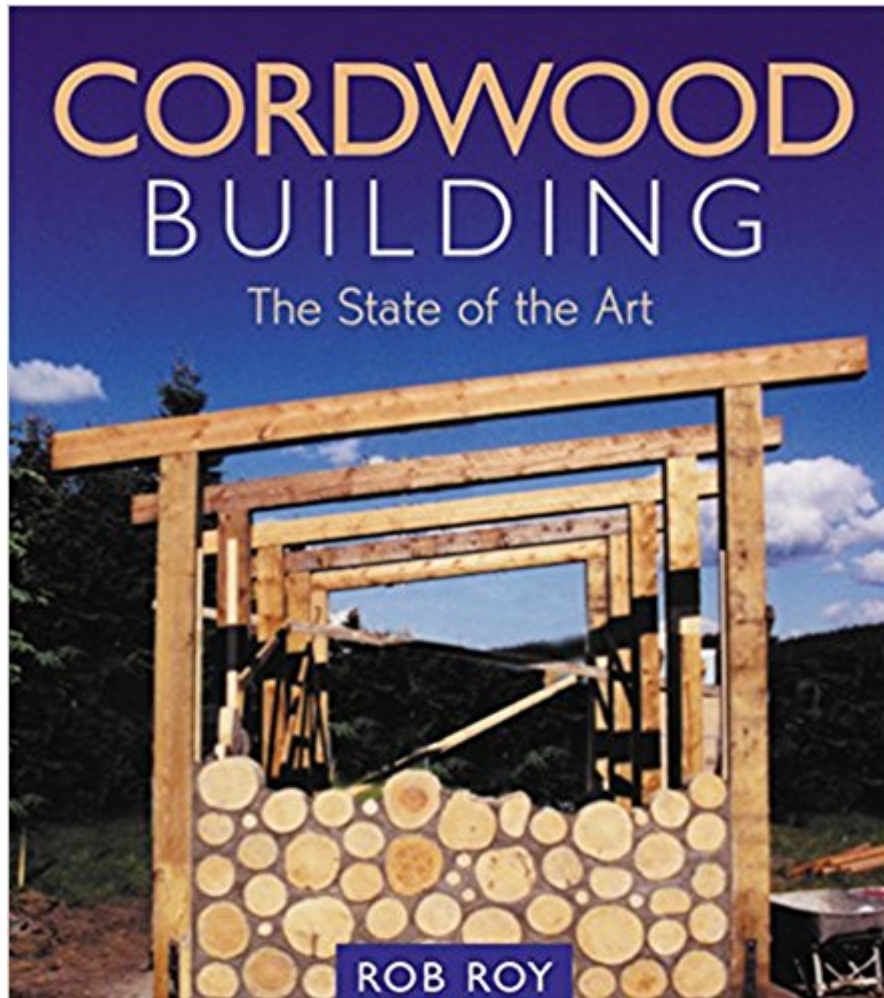




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Cordwood Building: The State Of The Art (Natural Building Series)



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Rob Roy is a former contractor with twelve previous books to his credit, including Cordwood Building and Timber Framing for the Rest of Us. An expert on underground building, he founded the Earthwood Building School in 1981 with his wife, Jaki, and is frequently a speaker at events throughout North America. Rob Roy is a former contractor with eleven previous books to his credit. He has been utilizing timber framing techniques for the past 25 years in the construction of his own buildings, as well as in the numerous building courses he teaches at Earthwood Building School which he started in 1981. He is most recently the author of Cordwood Building: The State of the Art (New Society, 2003)

I am grateful to find a great, highly recommended book on cordwood building that has the answers to most of my questions about this type construction. The illustrations are good and the information is invaluable.

This book is a great read. Enjoyable and yet it seems to give plenty of info on the different aspects of the cordwood building process. More than half way through I found out that there was a glossary in the back which helps explain some of the terminology. I would highly recommend this book for anyone thinking of building a cordwood home. This book will give you most of the know-how to build it and most importantly it will help you decide if you do want to build cordwood. It worked for me. My wife and I are presently saving up to build a cordwood home. I think it would be a good idea to watch the "Complete Cordwood DVD" before actually building.

My local library has a copy of Rob Roy's previous cordwood book. It is almost always checked out, and everyone I know uses it as the cordwood bible. This book, for me has been just that. I am in the process of planning my cordwood bath house, and everytime I find myself wondering about a step in the process or seeking a reasoning, I simply turn to this book. Every time I have a question, it has an answer! Also, it has lots of pictures which are particularly helpful for someone as visually oriented as I am.

I'm from Germany and cordwood buildings are uncommon here. Horizontal log homes are booming but as expensive as ordinary home building not a choice for people without a lot of money. So cordwood may be a solution if we can get a permission with our restrictive rules and regulations here. The book provides the builder with every detail he must know, it's really great. For getting some practice we will start building a small shed with cordwood. ;-)

This was a valuable resource for our construction projects coming up. We have trees to take down and now have a way to re-use them and save ourselves money. Looking forward to looking at our construction and saying "we did that ourselves".

Very well done. Even better than previous book by Rob Roy

A very well done book with perspectives from many different people.

Very good book on learning cord wood building. It could be a little more informative in certain areas but it's definately a good starting point.

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