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Roundwood Timber Framing DVD

Presented by Ben Law

This DVD perfectly accompanies the book of the same title. Ben presents the step-by-step design and build process for a locally sourced beautiful roundwood timber framed building, as well as showing other examples of builds including houses, a shop and a small outhouse. Also includes guidance for the creation of cordwood walls and rammed earth floors. Highly informative and inspiring.

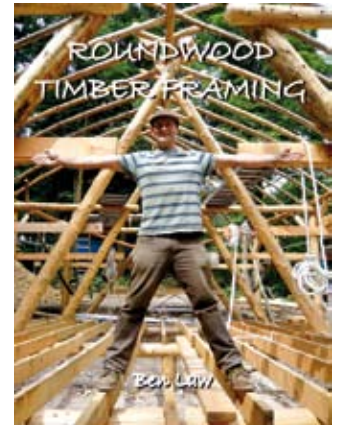
Since building his famous Woodland House from his own woodland, author Ben Law has evolved his own style of natural building, now tried and tested on many other builds across England. Ben has built houses, workshops, a classroom, lean-tos, a shop and a store to industrial specifications. Whilst this style's origins can be found in traditional forms of building Ben has developed an entirely new vernacular using many new ideas and techniques.

KEY SALES POINTS:

- Ben is now a much admired figure. His previous books have sold extremely well and the sales of the *Grand Design* TV series collections featuring Ben are also big sellers.

MEDIA INTEREST:

- Major features booked for a string of magazines.
- TV production companies vying for Ben to work with them.
- Huge online interest in this title, especially from social network sites.
- Ben has been making personal appearances and fairs and giving talks alongside Kevin McCloud which have helped to raise awareness of the book, DVD and techniques involved.



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What people are saying about the DVD Roundwood Timber Framing

“Ben’s beautiful book shows that intelligently sourced wood is ultimately the best building material we have: the most sustainable, the most versatile and easily the most pleasant to live with. By taking past traditions of roundwood timber framing and harnessing them successfully to the rigorous demands of modern building, Ben shows that wood is one of the most vital commodities for us to build a sustainable future on this planet.” *Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, TV chef, author and campaigner*

“Ben’s work is unique... He’s a 21st century woodsman, formulating a new building style based on the timber framing methods of his British ancestors, but incorporating new techniques and the realities of the present-day world. He’s created a new vernacular, one that he’s passing on to future builders via hands-on workshops and books like these.” *Lloyd Kahn, author of Shelter, Homework and Builders of the Pacific Coast*

Ben Law shows us all how it might be possible to live a low carbon, low resource-intensive way of life and he does it by example, bringing his considerable experience as a woodsman, designer and builder to construction challenges. In this thought provoking book Ben shows us how we can construct expediently and with minimum environmental effect. *Kevin McCloud, TV presenter of Grand Designs and author*

This is Ben Law at his best – a comprehensive book full of practical information and packed with detailed photos – all underpinned by years of hard won experience and a sound philosophy. This has to be essential reading for the growing number of woodlanders keen to immerse themselves in all that woodlands have to offer. *Mike Abbott, woodland craftsman and author*

“Stunning, enthralling and visually delectable throughout. The DVD shows Ben to be not only a skilled builder and woodsman but also a very clear and methodical communicator. The whole process is enthralling, as Ben takes us through the build from foundations, frame-raising, shingling the roof and mixing cob and clay plasters for the fireplace, and I had a sense of being involved in the whole project myself as I watched. The DVD has something for everyone, in that it works as a top rate instruction video, a documentary describing the creation of a marvellous community building, and a celebration and resurrection of the connection between trees, woods, buildings and community. Visually delectable throughout, anyone who loves trees and natural building, and who is looking for a new vision for the building industry, will love this DVD.” *Graham Strouts, teacher of permaculture and Natural Building at Kinsale College of Further Education, www.kinsalefurthered.ie/permaculture_course_level2.htm*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ben Law is arguably Britain’s greatest living woodsman. He has inspired millions with numerous TV appearances, training courses and lectures, and was most notably voted by viewers of Channel 4’s *Grand Designs* programme as having the Best Ever Build with his Woodland House. He has also been on the BBC programmes *Countryfile* and *The Green Team*. In America, Ben’s profile is on the rise due to appearances on *The World’s Greenest Homes*, *The World’s Most Extreme Homes* (HGTV) and *Nightline* (ABC).

He has worked on a smallholding, growing fruit and vegetables and looking after livestock. Having gained an Advanced National Certificate in Agriculture, he became a shepherd and set up a conservation landscaping business, specialising in ponds and wild flower meadows. Woodlands were a natural progression and after seeking out a few experienced coppice workers, he began work in the woods and in associated coppice crafts.

In the late 1980s, Ben visited the Amazon looking for positive solutions to deforestation and on his return set up and directed the charity, The Forest Management Foundation, working primarily with community forestry. Ben was a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council. He has also worked for Oxfam as a permaculture consultant.

Ben has lived and worked at Prickly Nut Wood for 20 years, where he trains apprentices and runs woodland-based courses. He is most well-known, however, for his 10 year struggle to obtain planning permission to build a house in his own woods, made mainly out of materials from the woodland itself.

Ben is the author of three best selling books: *The Woodland Way*, *The Woodland House* and *The Woodland Year*. He is also the presenter of the *Roundwood Timber Framing DVD*, a film which acts as a companion to this book and records in detail one of his recent builds from beginning to end, as well visiting previous projects.