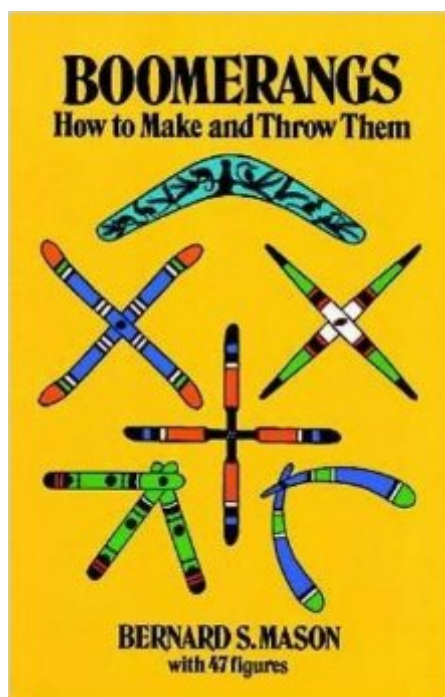


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# Boomerangs: How To Make And Throw Them



## Synopsis

It only takes minutes to make a good, guaranteed-to-return boomerang. By following a few more simple steps you will learn how to throw it so it will always return to you. Soon you will be in possession of a new hobby, experimenting with many types of boomerangs, flying them in new tricks and stunts, achieving a degree of accuracy and excitement that will give you pleasure whether you are young or old, whether it is your first boomerang or your fiftieth. This is the outstanding book on boomerangs. While a certain amount of the information is drawn from native methods, most is composed of new designs by Bernard Mason that are easy to make, easy to throw, safe, and full of possibilities. There are the standards — cross-stick boomerangs ranging in size from fourteen inches to three feet. There are pin-wheel boomerangs, undoubtedly the best flyers. There are boomabirds, boomerangs in bird shapes, airplane shapes, and other ornamentals with a wealth of strange flight patterns. There are tumblesticks, boomerangs that look like nothing but simple straight sticks — until you throw them. There are boomerangs you can make from cardboard. And there are the curved stick boomerangs from Australia. In each section there are examples of the best flyers, plus others — largest, smallest, jumpers, fast flyers, smooth flyers, and many more. Since, as the author says, each boomerang possesses its own unique character, there is always the feeling of magic each time a new one is made and thrown. With this book you can learn to make nearly every type of known boomerang, learn to fly them, and add a new area of skill and recreation to your life.

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## Customer Reviews

Would you like to make a boomerang? This book will teach you how to do that. And it tells us plenty about all sorts of boomerangs and how to throw them. You start with a stick. You round the top side to a roughly convex shape while the bottom remains flat. And you bend the ends slightly towards the convex side. If you do it really well, it may already be a boomerang (called a "tumblestick"). You can try it. But it is better to make two of them and attach them to make a "cross-stick" boomerang. These tend to work very well indeed, unless they get caught in a wind. You can even put three of these sticks together, to get a "pinwheel" boomerang. And Mason describes a bunch of variations on all these designs. Of the variations, the most interesting are the "boomabirds," which look like birds. There is some fascinating material on how to make them. The book also includes a section on Australian boomerangs. There are two types. One is called the "return" boomerang. When thrown vertically, it makes an arc and returns (unless it hits something). The other is misleadingly called the "non-return" boomerang. When thrown horizontally, it returns. But when thrown vertically, it just keeps going until it lands. Australian boomerangs are weapons, and birds (which generally do not realize that they need to avoid them) are the prime targets. I enjoyed reading this book, and I recommend it.

I loved this book as a kid so I purchased a copy for my kids. Everything you need to know to make boomerangs of all types is covered here. The book does show its age some, as do many Dover reprints (you are unlikely to find the wooden sticks used by service stations for checking gas level anymore... use a thick yardstick instead).

Bought this as a supplement present for my boyfriend to go with a boomerang. I didn't think this was going to be as much of a hit as it was!! Easy to read and interesting. You might even be inspired to make your own boomerang.

I'd like to state that this is definitely not the book you should read if you want to make or throw a contemporary sports boomerang. The instructions Mason offers really scare me: he proposes multi-bladed boomerangs with a diameter of 36 inches with a 5 inch metal screw poking out on the back for easy one handed catching - give me a break! Two-bladed boomerangs only occupy a small bit of the book. On the other hand, it's a nice historical view on a certain stage in the evolution of sports boomerangs (the book is from 1937 originally), and it contains the only description I know (including the web as known to Google) of one-bladed boomerangs, so-called tumblesticks.

This is a 42 year old reprint of a book first published in 1937!!! It has you making "Boomerangs" by screwing 2 paint stirring sticks together! Not REAL boomerangs. Buy the book "Boomerang" by Benjamin Ruhe instead.

i did not have that problem. my first attempt at making a boomerang was an instant success. i read the few pages on making your first boomerang and an hour later i had my first successful flight. it is a reprint of a book from the twenties or thirties and i got a kick out of one of the materials being a stick that is used to measure how much gasoline is in the tank of an automobile. Classic! cars may have changed since then but the basic properties of boomerangs hasnt. if you want to impress some kids just whittle out a boomerang for them.

Fun little book for me. I have learned to "customize" my store bought boomerangs. It has shown me how to teach my 6 year old grandson to make and throw boomerangs as easily as paper airplanes.

The book concentrates mostly on crosswing boomerangs and those built along the same lines. These are a lot of fun to make and fly but if you really want to get into the real thing (sport booms, not "hunting") there are better, more informative books available.

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