

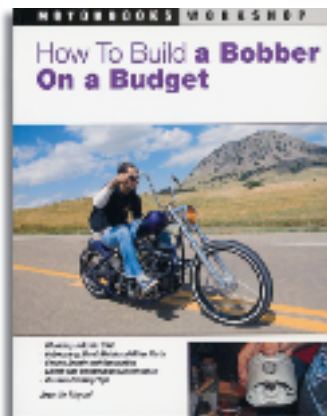
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Cheap buildin' fun



IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT, YOU'RE A BURGEONING bike builder, bent on busting out a bitchin' bobber, but you're beholden to a bit of a budget. Aside from displaying some remarkable alliterative skills, you might find yourself hamstrung due to financial constraints. That said, economics should never come between a true rider and his ride, thus cost-conscious constructionists should join hands and cry "Hallelujah!" in unison at the sight of Motorbooks' newest publication.



How to Build a Bobber on a Budget (\$24.95) takes a utilitarian approach to designing and building a sharp bob job while maintaining a keen focus on maximizing minimal monetary resources. Author and former professional cage driver Jose de Miguel taps into and shares his many experiences behind the wrench, seeking to help readers attain their own two-wheeled dream machines. You're given numerous valuable tips, tricks, and battle plans for reaching your project's end, but the legwork and elbow grease are up to you.

Topics covered include choosing a suitable donor machine, ferreting out necessary parts and accessories, mock-ups, tear downs, and finishing the whole shebang off with a sparkling coat of color. Sound easy? Sort of. De Miguel demystifies a great deal about what it takes to do-it-yerself. A healthy dose of

resourcefulness, a modicum of mechanical know-how, some tools, and a work space to call your own, are the primary ingredients necessary to get the proverbial ball rolling. And let's be honest, most of us can't afford high five-digit price tags for fancy machines, so going the more cost-effective route is a viable option.

If you're into the bobbed scene and looking to create a masterpiece, think about dropping \$25 on How to Build a Bobber on a Budget. A custom bike won't instantly materialize in your garage, but you'll have a decent guide to making that bike a reality without spending a fortune. AIM

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