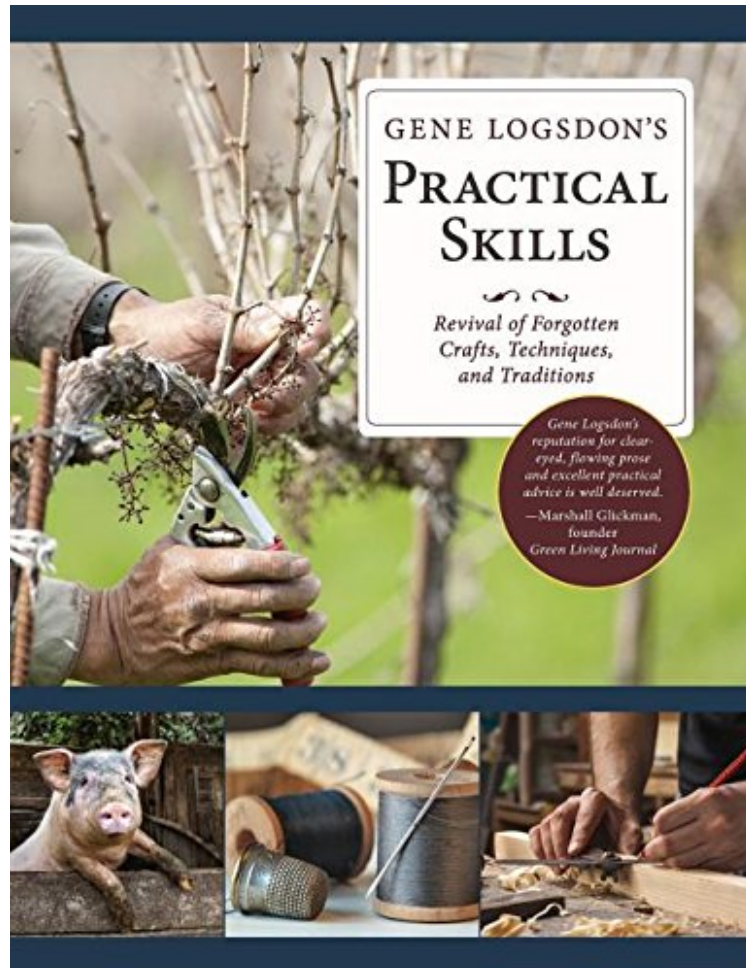


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Gene Logsdon is giving you a heck of head start. Not everyone needs this book, I'm sure, although it wouldn't hurt anyone to read it and use it as a reference. In my case, I no longer have my grandfather with me, and I am learning a lot on my own. This book is tremendously helpful, if just for the inspiration required to tackle projects and tasks. If you're lucky enough to have someone of the older generation with you, ask them questions and learn from them. Get this book anyway, as ask them for their opinions on what Gene suggests. Definitely a good read and reference, and you will never see my copy up for sale. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "How Did They Used to Do. . . ."  
By "slu" This material more than met my expectations. It covers a myriad of topics and yet did not just gloss over a subject, leaving the reader wondering why, for no more information given, it was even included. For someone looking for information on the "old ways" of doing different tasks on the farm or homestead that are still useful and helpful, I heartily recommend this book.

Gene Logsdon has long served as a voice of grounded agricultural wisdom. His wry humor and keen insights have made him a favorite among homesteaders, gardeners, orchardists, and farmers. In *Gene Logsdon's Practical Skills*, he turns his attention to traditional crafts and practices, reviving and documenting the homemaking, culinary, and agricultural skills handed down through generations of American farmers. This wide-ranging volume of practical instruction is divided into 5 parts, each focused on a different aspect of country life, including: Home maintenance and comfort Food preparation and domestic chores Landscaping and gardening Barn construction and livestock management Agricultural and woodlot land management Develop the skills your grandparents knew by heart. *Gene Logsdon's Practical Skills* is a book you can learn from for years to come. Gene Logsdon and his wife Carol have a small-scale experimental farm in Wyandot County, Ohio. Gene is the author of numerous books and magazine articles on farm-related issues, and believes sustainable pastoral farming is the solution for our stressed agricultural system.

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