



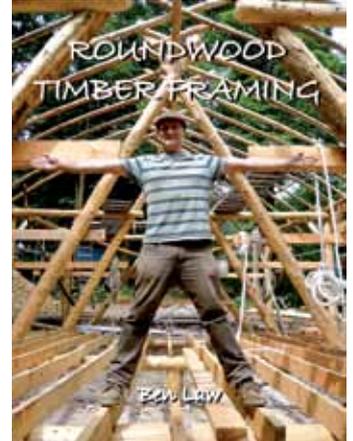
# DVD Information

## Roundwood Timber Framing DVD

Building Naturally Using Local Resources  
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. Highly informative and inspiring, the DVD also includes guidance for the creation of cordwood walls and rammed earth floors.

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.



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## What people are saying about ROUNDWOOD TIMBER FRAMING - DVD

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*

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*

This DVD is truly inspiring. When others are thinking and dreaming Ben is actually doing. Ben has in so many ways inspired the 'eco-house' concept with his own 'famous' house (the subject of a Grand designs episode) but this DVD takes it to a new level, because he makes it seem within the grasp of mere mortals to construct a beautiful, functional roundwood timber house. He stresses his belief in locally sourced resources and also shows his creativity in attempting, successfully, to steam-bend large trees. What I also loved about the film is what seemed so clear to Kevin McCloud on Grand Designs with the build of his own first roundwood house, that a great sense of common purpose and community exists around projects like this because it is about building houses in as eco-friendly a way as is possible. Good energy attracts good energy. In time it may well be the catalyst needed for a paradigm shift in the way building companies view building houses.

*Martin Holme*

## ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Ben has always had a passion for healthy, biodiverse farms and woodlands. 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.

Ben endured a 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's appearance on Channel 4's Grand Designs is the most watched in the series' history, is the host's and public's favourite episode and was one of the 25 programmes chosen to represent Channel 4's 25th anniversary. The show, and his Grand Design's Revisited episode, are repeated constantly in the UK and worldwide. Ben has also appeared on the BBC's Countryfile and The Green Team. In America, Ben has featured on The World's Greenest Homes, The World's Most Extreme Homes (HGTV) and Nightline (ABC), and various shows worldwide including Japan's El Mundo (the equivalent of their One Show).

Ben visited the Amazon in the late 1980s 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 in Papua New Guinea. He has also worked for Oxfam as a permaculture consultant.

Ben was a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council and has lived and worked at Prickly Nut Woods in West Sussex, UK, for 20 years; training apprentices and running courses on sustainable woodland management, eco-building and permaculture design. He runs a specialist eco-building company The Roundwood Timber Framing Company Limited.

