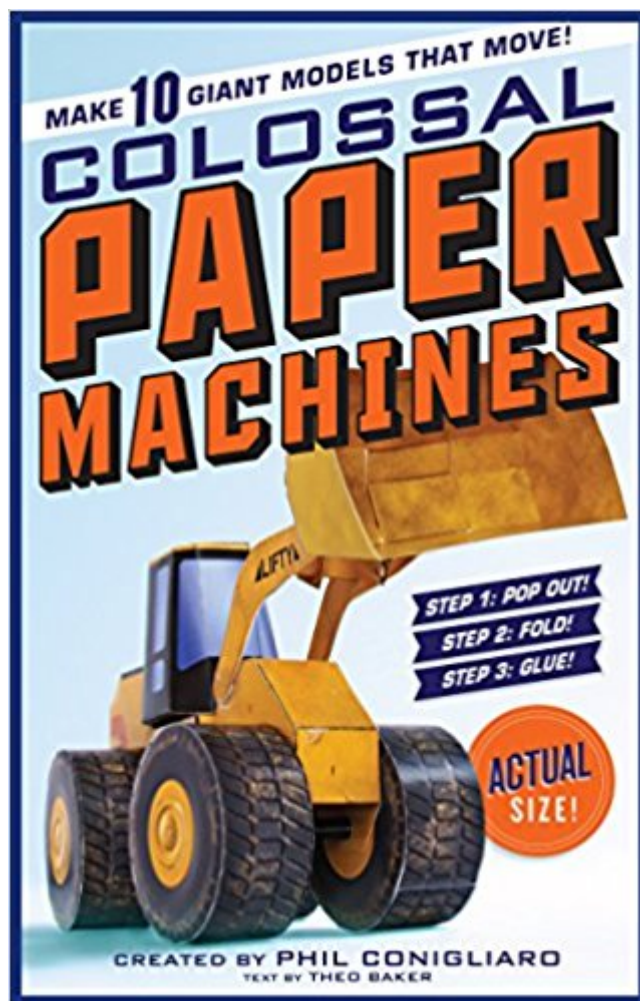


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Colossal Paper Machines: Make 10 Giant Models That Move!



Synopsis

What a big idea! And what big fun: A whopping oversize book of interactive paper models to appeal to every kid who loves big machines—•which pretty much covers all of them. These are the coolest big machines that kids love—•each re-created in an oversize paper model that, once built, really moves. The book has everything the reader needs to pop out, fold, and create a full-color model of ten big machines: a dump truck, space shuttle, excavator, ladder truck, front loader, concrete mixer, steam locomotive, steamboat, dirigible, Chinook helicopter. Created by Phil Conigliaro, a gifted paper engineer and artist, the models are printed on sturdy card stock; perforated to pop out and fold; require only gluing (no tape or pins); and come with complete, easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions. And, worth repeating, each one moves: Wheels roll and the mixer turns, helicopter blades spin, and the excavator—•s boom and bucket raises and lowers. Additionally there—•s the story of each machine—•how it works, who invented it, what it—•s used for. Kids will learn the history of the steam shovel—•the smoking, hissing monster that dug the Panama Canal, the largest engineering feat of the 20th century; how astronauts in a space shuttle could withstand the 3,000 degrees of heat created when it returned to Earth; how the world—•s largest dump truck can haul a million pounds. It—•s big stuff!

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Age Range: 9 - 18 years

Grade Level: 4 - 12

Customer Reviews

Phil Conigliaro, the author and creator of Colossal Paper Machines, is a paper engineer and artist who lives in Brooklyn, New York.

There are so many great things about this book. The size of the book alone causes excitement. The boys I bought this book for couldn't wait to flip through the colorful pages and when they did, they chose the first machine they wanted to build. These boys were 8 and 9 years old and needed some help, but dad was more than willing to assist. Quality time together and lots of fun! I will be buying this book again... it makes a great gift!

Really cool idea, models actually go together well and are well designed. We bought this for our 6 year old and he can help a bit holding pieces together as glue dries and punching pieces out but that's about it. If your child is under 12 years old, be ready to help. Average time spent per model is 60-90 minutes.

Sent this to my grandsons (4 & 5) for their Dad to put together with them. They just completed the first project and all three were beaming.

Bought as a gift for a nephew and he loved it. He had so much fun assembling the projects with family members.

Items are very difficult to make.

My 4 year old and husband love working on building trucks and boats in the evenings! Awesome book!

On time. Going to be a great gift!

I bought this for my 6 year old who is extremely curious about everything that has to do with how stuff works-he mixes things, he builds Lego sets that contain close to 300 pieces by patiently following the instructions, so I thought this would be really cool. The folding and gluing part of this book has not really been thought out-you have pretty thick pieces of paper that need to be folded very precisely, and these are not the origami type of folds where you fold things in half, this is where you fold approximately 5 mm of one cutout to be glued to another 5 mm folded from another cutout.

No one has time or patience for it and while I am a huge believer in activities that teach kids patience, perseverance and effort in this effortless age of instant gratification, I also do not believe that someone needs to go at something to the point of utmost frustration and this is what this book has resulted in.

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