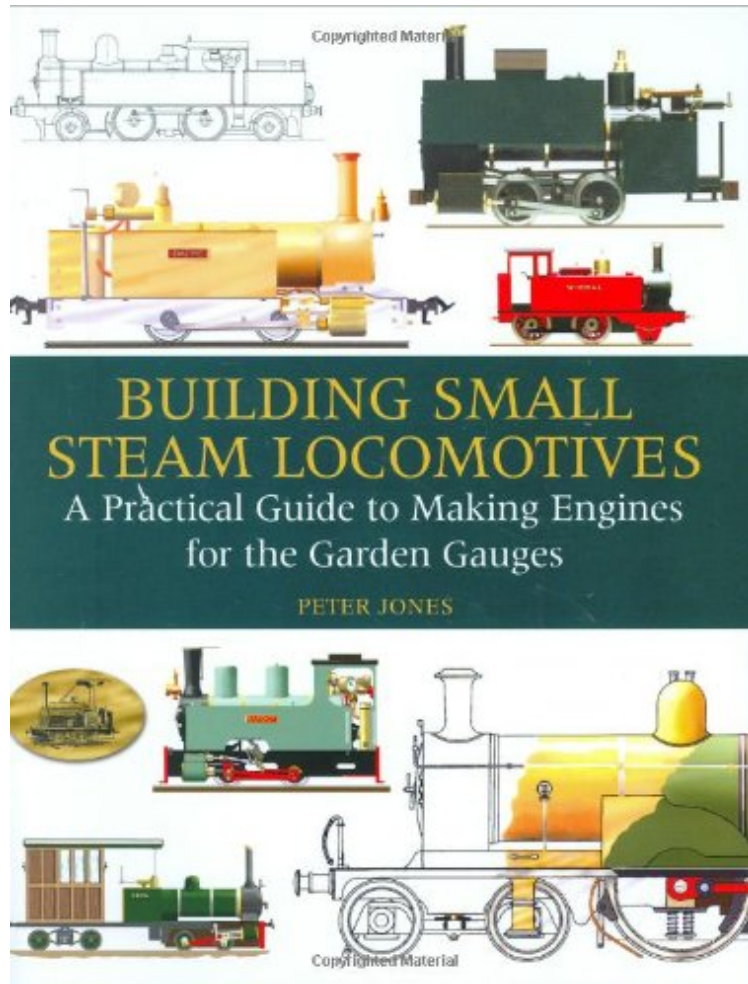


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If you have an ambition to build a small live steam locomotive, but are daunted by the skills required, then this book is for you. Written in his clear and encouraging style, Peter Jones demystifies the whole process for those with little or no previous experience. Contents include: An explanation of terms; Basic metalworking processes; Step-by-step project guides; Machining; Boilermaking; Painting; and Finishing. Fully illustrated throughout with color photographs and drawings, and including appendices of suppliers and societies, this is an invaluable work for the railway modeler.

About the Author
Peter Jones has been addicted to railways, and modelling them, for as long as he can remember. In 1949 he took his first hesitant steps in garden railways, in 16mm scale running on 0 gauge track. He began an apprenticeship in modelling that has led to his extensive work in the railway scene. Peter has written widely on the subject, including a long-running column in Garden Railway magazine. His previous book, Practical Garden Railways, was also published by Crowood in 2006. Peter has his own website at www.comptondown.co.uk.