### The Ultimate Guide to Felling, Bucking, Splitting, and Stacking: Master the Art of Firewood Production



The Backyard Lumberjack: The Ultimate Guide to Felling, Bucking, Splitting & Stacking by Frank Philbrick

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Are you ready to take your firewood production skills to the next level? Look no further than "The Ultimate Guide to Felling, Bucking, Splitting, and Stacking." This comprehensive manual is the definitive resource for anyone who wants to master the art of producing firewood efficiently and safely.

#### Felling

The first step in firewood production is felling, or cutting down a tree. This can be a dangerous task, so it's important to follow proper safety procedures.

1. **Assess the tree.** Before you start cutting, take a moment to assess the tree. Look for signs of rot, decay, or other damage. If the tree is not healthy, it could be dangerous to fell.

- 2. **Choose a cutting direction.** The direction you cut the tree will determine which way it falls. Choose a direction that will allow the tree to fall safely away from people, buildings, and other obstacles.
- 3. **Make the undercut.** The undercut is the first cut you make on the tree. It should be made on the side of the tree that you want it to fall. The undercut should be about one-third of the way through the tree.
- 4. **Make the back cut.** The back cut is the second cut you make on the tree. It should be made on the opposite side of the tree from the undercut. The back cut should meet the undercut, and it should be made about two-thirds of the way through the tree.
- 5. **Fell the tree.** Once the undercut and back cut are made, the tree should start to fall. Be sure to stand clear of the tree as it falls.

#### Bucking

Bucking is the process of cutting the felled tree into smaller pieces. This can be done with a chainsaw, a hand saw, or a hatchet.

- 1. **Cut the tree into manageable lengths.** The first step is to cut the tree into manageable lengths. This will make it easier to handle and split the wood.
- 2. **Remove the branches.** Once the tree is cut into lengths, you can remove the branches. This can be done with a chainsaw, a pruning saw, or a hatchet.
- 3. **Cut the logs into rounds.** The final step in bucking is to cut the logs into rounds. Rounds are the pieces of wood that you will split and stack for firewood.

#### Splitting

Splitting is the process of dividing rounds into smaller pieces. This can be done with a splitting maul, a wedge, or a splitter.

- Choose a splitting method. There are three main methods of splitting wood: mauling, wedging, and splitting. Mauling is the most common method, and it involves using a splitting maul to strike the wood until it splits. Wedging is a more precise method, and it involves using a wedge to drive the wood apart. Splitting is the most efficient method, and it involves using a splitter to force the wood apart.
- 2. **Prepare the wood.** Before you start splitting the wood, you need to prepare it. This involves removing any dirt or debris from the wood, and it also involves cutting the wood into manageable lengths.
- Split the wood. Once the wood is prepared, you can start splitting it. Be sure to use proper safety procedures, and be sure to split the wood in a safe area.

#### Stacking

Stacking is the final step in firewood production. This involves piling the split wood into a neat and Free Downloadly stack.

- Choose a stacking location. The first step is to choose a stacking location. The location should be dry and well-ventilated. It should also be protected from the elements.
- 2. **Build a foundation.** The foundation for your stack will help to keep the wood dry and off the ground. You can build a foundation out of pallets, concrete blocks, or even just a layer of gravel.

- 3. **Start stacking the wood.** Start stacking the wood in a neat and Free Downloadly manner. Be sure to stack the wood tightly, but not too tightly. You want the air to be able to circulate through the stack.
- 4. **Cover the stack.** Once the stack is complete, you should cover it with a tarp or a piece of plywood. This will help to protect the wood from the elements.

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With the help of this guide, you can produce firewood safely and efficiently. You can also save money on your heating bills by using firewood to heat your home.

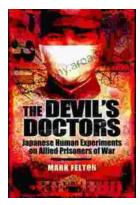
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