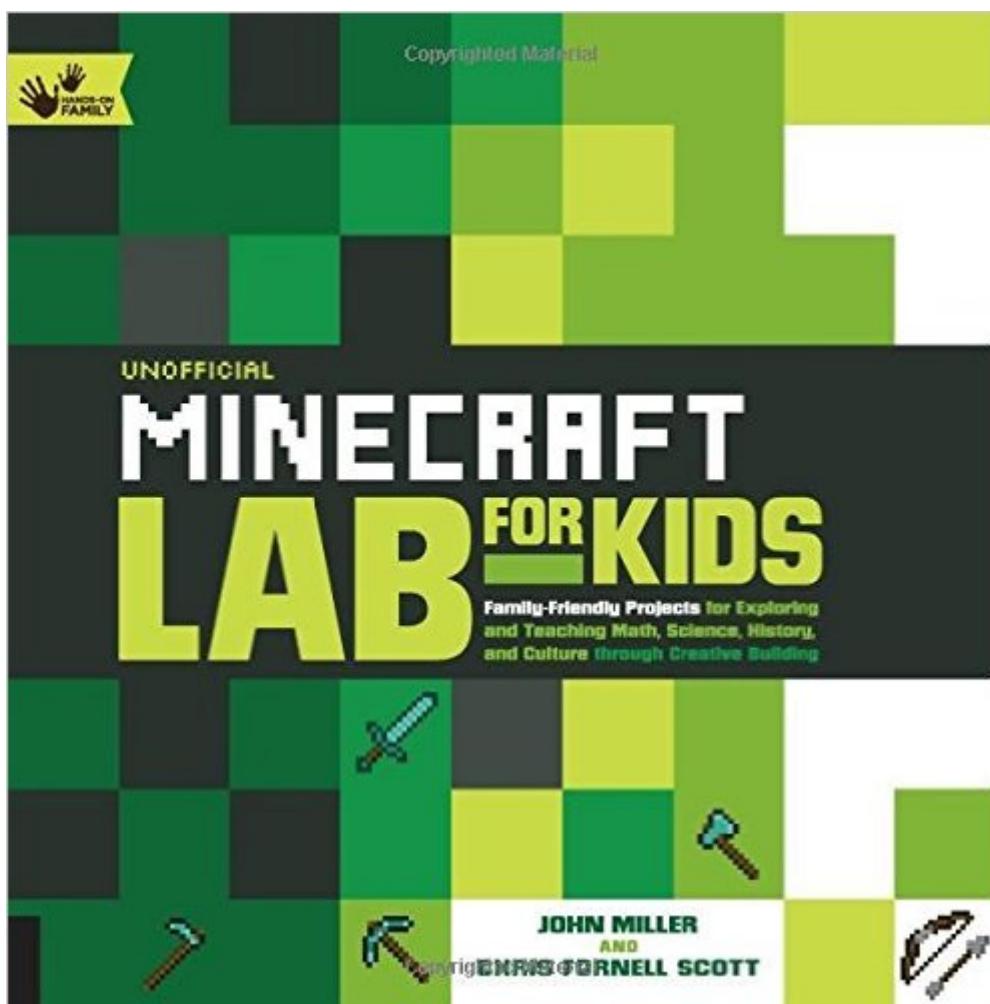


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Unofficial Minecraft Lab For Kids: Family-Friendly Projects For Exploring And Teaching Math, Science, History, And Culture Through Creative Building (Lab Series)





Synopsis

Take charge of your child's screen time and learn fun lessons in math, science, art, architecture, and game design! Balancing your child's screen time can be difficult, especially when it comes to popular open-ended video games like Minecraft. The game offers players an exploration, imagination, and creation-focused environment, but its nonlinear game structure can mean spending a lot of time in the game. *Minecraft Lab for Kids* includes a variety of creative exercises that explore the game's aspects and use them to teach fun, educational lessons. Begin the book by brushing up on some common Minecraft language and examining each of the four game modes: survival, creative, adventure, and spectator. Then, use this knowledge to venture off onto the six different quests that encourage child and adult participation. These "gamified" labs will allow your child to earn stickers and badges as rewards as they complete quests. You'll even learn how to screencast and narrate your own videos to share with family and friends! *Unofficial Minecraft Lab for Kids* provides a fun, educational gaming goals that you and your child can reach together!

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Customer Reviews

I think this book should actually be called *Minecraft Lab for Kids and Their Parents*. I'm both a teacher who has been around the obsessive nature of my Minecraft loving students and a father of

an 8 year old boy and 10 year old girl who have been playing some version of Minecraft for the past 18 months. When I received a copy of this book my son told me that we would finally have to step and buy the official PC version of the game as he had been playing the iPad version since day one. We split the difference on the \$26 version and he jumped right in, mostly putting the book to the side as he began to build with the expanded blocks like redstone and TNT. As a parent and a teacher what I value most about the book is that it throws me right into what is possible over a large range of projects, from growing a garden, to building a musical instrument to building an airplane. These are all things I personally want to try out myself. Giving parents a map to potential Minecraft projects gives me both the language and the direction to engage more deeply with this world that my son and daughter are so fascinated with. The simple and clean layout, images and chapters are also a plus. As someone who likes to engage in the physical world, and wants my children and students to move more easily between digital and physical projects, I can appreciate the "out-of-game" activities like planting seeds, building a matchbox guitar and folding a paper airplane. But as a connection to the game it feels like a bit of a stretch. My son didn't seem that interested in them and I wouldn't do them on my own. My son wants to jump right into the game itself. I think there are all sorts of opportunities to connect the game with the real world, but those work best when they interact with each other.

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