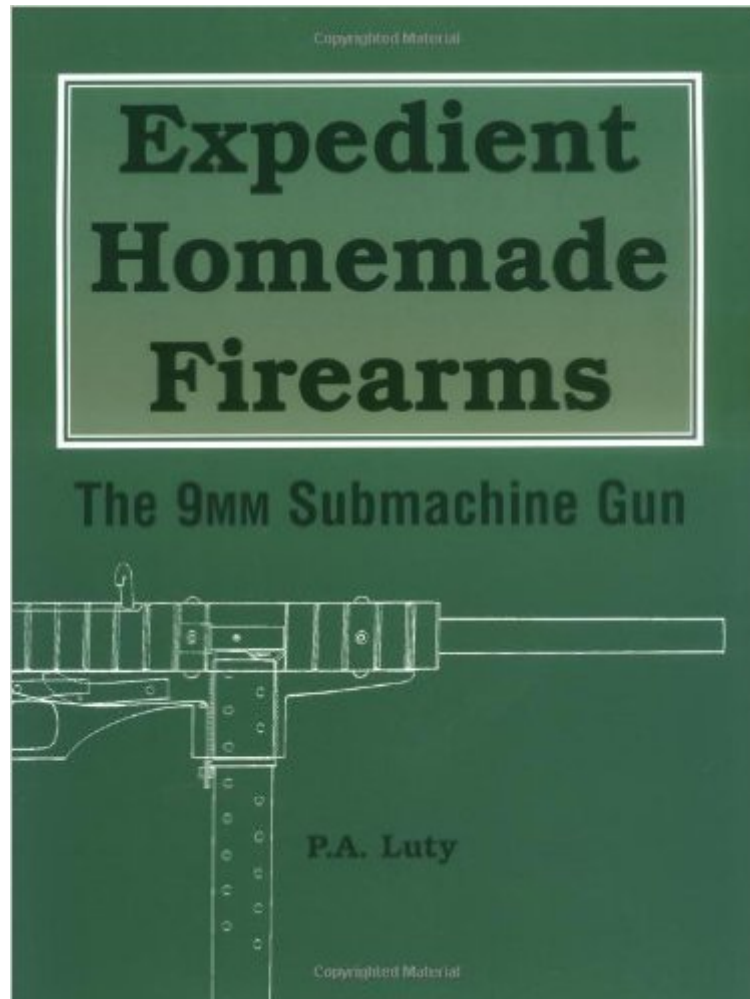


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The author provides clear, step-by-step instructions for an expedient 9mm submachine gun. It is easily constructed from readily available materials, primarily steel tubing; it does not require a lathe and milling machine and it can be built by just about anyone in about a week. For Academic Study Only

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As this book clearly states: 'This material is presented for academic study only.' It is clearly illegal to build the gun described in the book. And if you have enough money to pay all the taxes, you don't need to build one, you can go buy a real gun. When I say real, I mean that you'd have more confidence it wouldn't blow up. Having said that, the academic interest in this gun is just to see how simple it is to build a gun, and in turn, how impossible it is to prevent the manufacture of weapons by simply passing a law. The particular gun described here is the simplest I've ever seen. It's constructed from commonly available steel tubing. (I didn't realize that so many standard tubing sizes were so close to what was needed for gun building.) Strangely enough, you don't even need a lathe or milling machine for this gun. Everything is made using hand tools such as hacksaw and file. Normally accepted things such as rifling in the barrel and sights are simply eliminated. One final comment. He uses a series of 'steel collars' in his design. I presume that's a British term. If you look up 'steel collars' on Google you get a bunch of bondage sites. Instead look up 'shaft collars.'

I gave this book 4 stars because it is not complete in certain parts. Fortunately I bought the Do-It-Yourself Submachine Gun Book from Gerard Metral from a Shop here in Brasil (Actually I bought those books, because a civilian war is imminent here in Rio de Janeiro, and Brasil now have laws prohibiting the selling of Weapons). Well, the Expedient Homemade Firearms is complete with the aquisition of Do-It-Yourself Submachine Gun book, because this book covers important steps that the Expedient Homemade Firearms doesn't cover, like the Parkerization Process, Handgrip manufacture and some most technical details. If you wanna make your weapon, buy both books, focus on building the weapon explained in the Expedient Homemade Firearms, and add to it the important details described on Do-It-Yourself book.

Full marks to Mr Luty for this excellent book. He succeeds entirely in describing how to build a simple machine gun using basic and commonly available tools and materials, and this makes for a great academic source for understanding the realities of what a "firearm" really is & how counterproductive extreme firearms laws can be. Would this book exist if the UK laws weren't so ridiculously excessive? Not according to the author. The project is clearly minimalist & therefore won't entirely satisfy those who want a paint-by-numbers approach to a beautifully finished weapon, but that's nothing that a little imagination, Gun-Kote finish & some wood or resin grips wouldn't resolve. My sympathies to the author for the harsh price he is paying for completing this book. He was jailed for being in possession of the gun that he built, & after his release he published the [...] website (presently offline) for which he is currently being charged with "conspiracy to supply firearms" by the police (as of Feb 2005; see [...]) I'm sure we used to have the right to free speech over here in England because I read it somewhere. Or was that banned as well?

Very impressive, I don't believe Mr. Luty is a threat to the public, but judging from what the British government has had to say about him, he is still a threat, I would say a mortal threat, to the status quo, vis-a-vis British gun laws. I have read Bill Holmes. I have read Metral. Luty's book is the only one that I came away from with the impression that I might actually be able to build the gun the author showed how to make, no machine tools required. The lack of a rifled barrel makes that possible. The instructions did require a thorough reading and re-reading, in my case, before I really "got it", but aside from a few minor spelling and grammatical errors, they were very clear, step-by-step, and concise, while of sufficient detail to properly demonstrate the concepts involved. The author provides cutting templates, and all the needed specifications for the the necessary materials. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the subject of improvised firearms. I will not

be building this firearm, nor would I advocate that to anyone else. The BATF has no more sense of humor than the British constabulary on this subject. But I think such books are vitally important because they make it clear to politicians that such things are possible and keep them all just that little bit fearful of what the general populace might do if they ever go too far. I think a little bit of that sort of fear in the back of the minds of those in power is a healthy thing for a free society interested in remaining free. So long as it is there, the instructions in Mr. Luty's book will probably not need to be followed.

Just as advertised, all you need are files, drill although drill press is desirable, and tap set. Also real photos and not just diagrams to reflect the real thing. A material list and supplier list would have been a plus. For a \$200 BATF fee, you can legally own one. However, I can't vouch whether the pistol is really viable. More testimonies would be further enlightening.

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