

7'7" and 9'6" Nutshell Prams

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Here we have two fine glued lap-strake plywood prams. With substantial transoms at both ends, the Nutshells offer considerable volume (hence, carrying capacity) combined with sweet, eye-pleasing hull shapes.

The 7'7" Nutshell can be built from standard 8' plywood panels without joining the sheets by scarfing or with butt straps. The 9'6" boat will be more of a project to build, but the increase in performance is out of proportion to the extra measure of work.

If you plan to use your Nutshell as a tender for a cruising boat, where deck space might be limited, the 7'7" pram might be the way to go. If space is no problem, we suggest building the longer, faster, roomier, and more stable 9'6" Nutshell. For builders who believe that a boat is simply not a boat if it doesn't come to a point on the front end, the 11'2" Shellback (see page 123) offers similar construction and personality.

Nutshell construction is particularly well documented. In addition to the plans, a how-to-build monograph and video are available through The WoodenBoat Store. The building plans consist of eight sheets and include: building jig details, template sheet, scaled plank patterns, patterns for structural members, and construction details. The 7'7" Nutshell is WB Plan No. 41, \$75.00. The 9'6" Nutshell is WB Plan No. 57, \$75.00.

7'7" Nutshell Particulars

LOA	7'7"
Beam	4'
Draft (cb up)	5"
	(cb down) 1'9"
Weight	about 90 lbs
Sail area	37 sq ft

9'6" Nutshell Particulars

LOA	9'6"
Beam	4'4"
Draft (cb up)	5"
	(cb down) 1'11"
Weight	about 100 lbs
Sail area	55 sq ft

