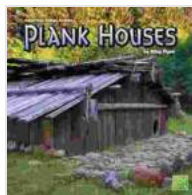


# Plank Houses: A Journey into the Homes of American Indians



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Plank houses were once a common sight in North America. These dwellings were made from wooden planks and were often covered with a

roof made of bark, thatch, or animal skins. Plank houses were used by a variety of American Indian tribes, including the Iroquois, Cherokee, and Sioux.

The construction of a plank house was a labor-intensive process. First, the builders would select a site for the house. The site would typically be on a hilltop or other elevated location. Once the site was selected, the builders would clear the land and level it. They would then dig a trench around the perimeter of the house. The trench would be about 18 inches deep and 12 inches wide.

The next step was to build the frame of the house. The frame was made from wooden posts and beams. The posts were set into the trench and the beams were attached to the posts. The frame was then covered with planks. The planks were held in place by wooden pegs.

Once the frame was complete, the roof was added. The roof was typically made from bark, thatch, or animal skins. The bark was peeled from trees and then sewn together. The thatch was made from grasses and reeds. The animal skins were taken from animals that had been killed for food.

The interior of a plank house was typically divided into two or more rooms. The main room was used for cooking, eating, and sleeping. The other rooms were used for storage or as sleeping quarters for children.

Plank houses were a comfortable and durable type of dwelling. They were well-insulated and could withstand the cold winters and hot summers of North America. Plank houses were also relatively easy to build and could be moved from one location to another.

Plank houses played an important role in the lives of American Indians. They provided shelter from the elements and a place to gather with family and friends. Plank houses were also used for religious ceremonies and other important events.

Today, plank houses are still used by some American Indian tribes. However, they are much less common than they once were. Plank houses can be found in museums and historical parks throughout the United States.

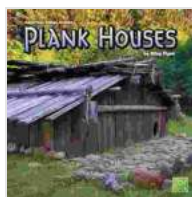
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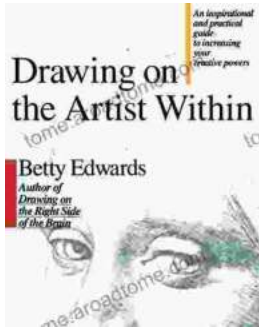
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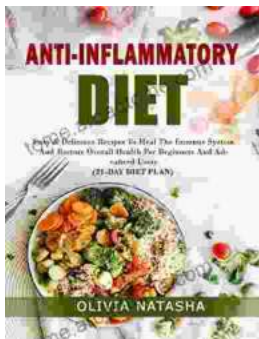
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