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*Make: Tinkering* (Kids Learn by Making Stuff) lets you discover how, why--and even what it is--to tinker and tinker well. Author Curt Gabrielson draws on more than 20 years of experience doing hands-on science to facilitate tinkering: learning science while fooling around with real things.

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- Catapults, ball launchers, and table-top basketball
- A battery-powered magic wand and a steadiness game (don't touch the sides!)
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