



Carpenter/Laborer

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career profile

Name: William Stark
Job Title: Carpenter/Laborer

Employer: HDL Woodworking

Education: Diploma, Sky View High School: Smithfield, Utah

 I love woodworking and always wanted to be a carpenter. I first learned some carpentry skills in high school industrial technology and agricultural mechanics classes. After high school, I got a job with a company that builds homes, garages, and storage structures.

 My job is pretty physical, which I like. I assemble and fasten materials for building frameworks. I unload, carry, and stack construction materials. Sometimes I use wheel loaders and forklifts. I select lumber and other materials needed for construction. I use and care for woodworking machines, hand tools, and power tools. I find that working with others to complete jobs is important. I maintain a good working relationship with the other workers

at the construction sites.

One skill that is particularly important is the ability to read and interpret blueprints. Safety is also very important. Falls and improper use of tools and equipment can cause serious injury. As I've grown more experienced, safety practices have become a habit to me.

 Now that I've worked for other carpenters, I'm thinking about starting my own company. My plans are to attend community college to learn more about how to manage a business.

 Building is satisfying to me. I find it gratifying to see the progression of projects from the beginning to the end.



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overview



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suggested high school courses



[agricultural mechanics](#), mathematics, and science

experience needed



Experience can be acquired through a formal apprenticeship or by learning on the job.

degree(s) required



A high school diploma, with additional certification depending on area of specialty, is required.

potential employers



construction companies, self-employment, governments or universities

salary range



\$27,903 to \$53,352

employment outlook and trends



The employment outlook of carpenters/laborers is projected to be **good**.

professional organizations



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