

4 BUILD YOUR OWN PLANE

In a top floor workshop a ^{German} flying enthusiast built an aeroplane. As there was no room to assemble it indoors he persuaded the Augsburg fire brigade to run him up a ladder and get the plane into the street; not a very easy job as the thoroughfare was only just wide enough. Traffic was held up for half an hour or so but the people of the Bavarian City were wholeheartedly behind the enterprise.

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Safely down below the airplane was put together. After that it was a comparatively easy matter to transport it to a large enough field. It seats three. The constructor, Heini Dittmar, ³once a Messerschmidt pilot. The home-made effort was soon throbbing to the pulse of its 95-horse-power engine.

In Dittmar's hands the Seagull flew perfectly. He's certainly built himself quite a plane.