

Was the Builder Right-handed or Left-handed?

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Is it possible by just looking at a bottle you can tell if it was built by someone who is right-handed or left-handed? Generally, no! But with some ships, folk art, and whimsy bottles it may actually be possible. If the bottle is built in a horizontal position and contains a background scene, then it is likely that you can make the determination of which hand the artist prefers.

Look at the two bottles illustrated here. One bottle has the bottle opening pointed to the left and the other bottle has it pointed to the right. Picture the artist inserting objects in the bottle. Depending on which hand the Artist prefers which direction would he/she likely prefer opening of the bottle be – to the right or left? Without a scene, or in an upright bottle it still can't be reasonably determined, but with a background scene the preference becomes pretty clear.

The top picture is a [World War II German Diorama](#) by [Greg Alvey](#), a left-handed Artist. The bottom picture is the [Villeneuve le Roi in a Bottle](#) by [Gerard Aubry](#) a right-handed Artist.



