Victorian Architectural Details:
Designs For Over 700 Stairs, Mantels, Doors, Windows, Cornices, Porches, And Other Decorative Elements
(Dover Architecture)
Synopsis

Originally published over 130 years ago by one of America’s leading architectural firms, this volume provided prospective homeowners and other customers with a wide range of design alternatives. While the collection includes elevations and floor plans for a variety of handsome, private residences and commercial structures, the emphasis is on architectural details — from cornices, dormer windows and piazzas, to balconies, fireplace mantels, and gable ornaments. A delight for anyone who appreciates the charm of Victorian architecture.

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Customer Reviews

The photo on the cover is a good sample of what is in this 1873 catalog reprint - many drawings of stairways, cornices, fireplaces, windows. It even has storefronts, 2 barns, and gazebos. It has a few house layouts and exterior elevations, and plaster cornices and ceiling designs. We are building a Victorian house, and the ceiling designs are ones I think I can replicate with Millwork and paint. Lots of neat ideas to ponder and show our carpenter. There is no text - just the index and the plates themselves.

We've been working on rehabilitating a Transitional Victorian circa 1909 and have had this book for a year or so. Much of this ornamentation is grander than what is appropriate for our house, but this is a terrific reference book for us and for me as a professional remodeler/restorer. True, there is no
text, but I find the illustrations full of information when pored over carefully. One particularly helpful detail is that each profile within an illustration is provided with a cross-section to help gauge its massing and proportions. Oh, if only we had the lumber available to feasibly replicate all these great details! If you're considering this book, trust me, it'll be the best ten bucks you'll ever spend for your reference library.

This book is a fabulous resource for anyone who has an interest in Victorian architecture or for woodworker's who are in the process of restoration. It is a line-art pictorial illustration of various wooden elements that comprise the Victorian house. It is a great reference that one will utilize again and again.

This book is great. The description when I purchased it described it well and I got what I expected. This is the way I like to do business. Shipping was surprisingly fast. Thank you!

We are going to build a Queene Anne Victorian and there were no details on this type of building at all. I guess shame on me as it was originally published before the Queen Anne rage began in the US.

Great book!

Got what I paid for.

Best we have seen if you have an interest in this style of building

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