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Popular Woodworking's Arts & Crafts Furniture: 25 Designs For Every Room In Your Home



Synopsis

Timeless Style and Simplicity Simple and beautiful, Arts & Crafts furniture designs offer an excellent learning medium for furniture building. The Arts & Crafts style allows the craftsman to build a quality piece of furniture in a reasonable amount of time while providing a very successful and satisfying experience. This book offers a collection of twenty-five Arts & Crafts furniture projects for every room in your home. Some of the projects are accurate reproductions of the original furniture pieces, while others are loving adaptations of the style. In addition to the projects in the book, we've included a Bonus CD-ROM* with ten furniture projects and ten technique articles to provide even more information on construction and finishing. This book represents a collection of projects that the Popular Woodworking staff considers to be some of the most visually appealing pieces of furniture ever created.*PLEASE NOTE: The CD is NOT included with the ebook version of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book has considerable overlap with Popular Woodworking's Authentic Arts and Crafts Furniture (2000 ISBN 1558705686). The Limbert Bookcase featured on the cover, the Limbert Inlaid Rocker,

Morris Chair, Greene and Greene Entry Bench, Prairie Spindle Chair, and Mantle Clock were all in the earlier volume, as were the introductory articles on the History of Arts and Crafts Furniture and Construction Techniques. With about one-third of the content is duplicated, the publisher should make the relationship to the earlier work clear. Not doing so detracts from an otherwise excellent compilation of high-quality articles.

This book has 3 sections: a brief, but good introduction to the major Arts & Crafts furniture makers, with comments on their relative qualities and places in the movement; construction techniques; and projects. All are well illustrated and all pictures are in color (except, obviously, repros of original black and white photos). Alternative techniques are given for a number of joinery types. Helpful advice and tips are given throughout both the techniques and projects sections. The projects range from quite simple (Morris Chair footstool) to middling complex (various chairs). Some unusual items are also included, such as the Limbert Tabouret, which is a table with four interlocking legs, and the "Lost Stickley Side Table", a Stickley prototype with straight legs in back and splayed in front. Only two really modern pieces are included: a Prairie Style coffee table and an outdoor version of the Morris Chair. The included CD has additional plans. Considering the excellent content, the quality of the book itself, and the bonus CD, this book is quite a bargain.

This book, Popular Woodworking's Arts & Crafts Furniture Projects (2008), is a nice expansion of the PW's previous title, Authentic A & C Furniture Projects (2000). If you're looking for an easy to follow Arts & Crafts furniture book, this one fits the bill pretty well. This title has 26 projects; These projects use modern tools/techniques, great for building A & C furniture to fill your bungalow. Of the 22 projects from the 2000 book, seven projects are included in the 2008 book, nine are on the bonus cd, and six are omitted. Missing projects are: Spindle side table, Octagonal Taboret, Bungalow mailbox, Heirloom cradle, Two Frames, and the Garden storage bench. All the articles include materials lists, construction techniques, and sources for supplies. The bonus disc includes ten articles on techniques, as well as 10 project plans, all are PDFs, so they print well. This book is a worthy addition to the home craftsman's library.

Would rate this as a five except for two things. 1. Although extra material is advertised as available on a bonus CD, I can find no means by which I can obtain or otherwise gain access to this from the Kindle version of the book. 2. The material cut lists for the projects are almost unreadably small in the kindle version. As a lesser issue, I would have liked a few more pictures of some of the complex

pieces during assembly.

There are 5 chair plans and 1 ottoman! Still no beds, and dressers, limited tables. Whats the deal about these mission books fear of tables, dressers, and beds! Good tips an modern joints, and finishing.

If you like Greene and Greene this is a must have. Have shared this with my woodworking friends and they like it a lot. We will be making several projects from here as I fill my house with Arts & Crafts style furniture.

In general this book is a good selection of articles of Popular Woodworking Magazine, but there are many chapters about seats, almost 50% of the articles are about chair, armchair, etc.

This book has so many great ideas for furniture. I don't know where to start. I love the instructions. I am a beginner but I think even I can create nice furniture.

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