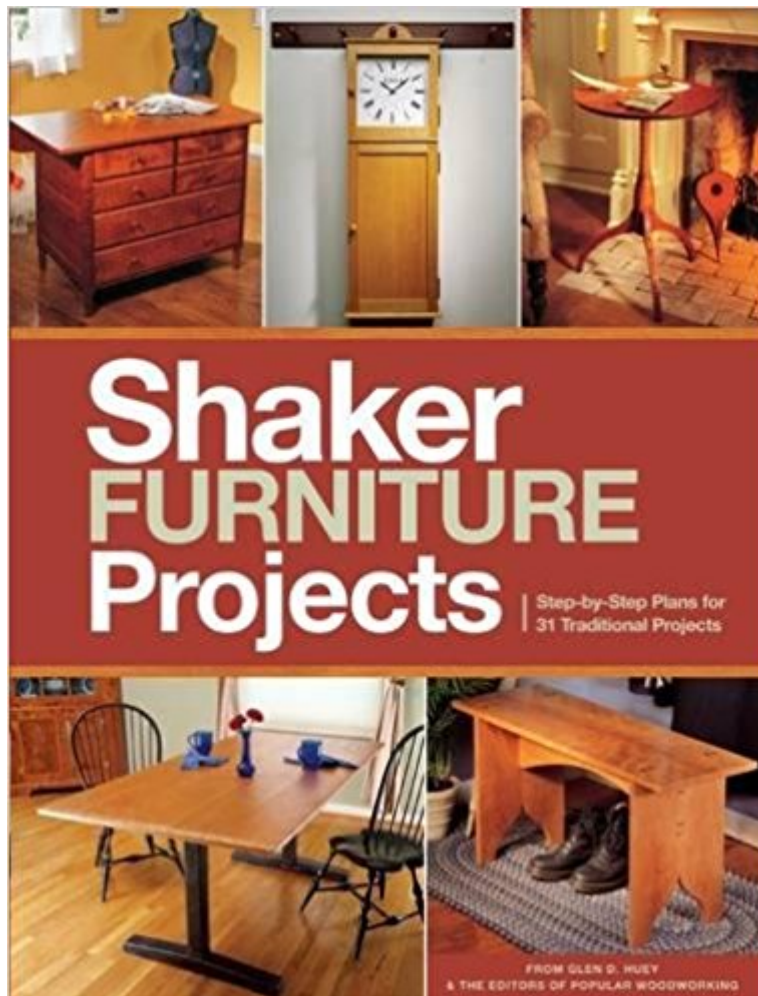




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Popular Woodworking's Shaker Furniture Projects: Step-by-Step Plans For 31 Traditional Projects



Synopsis

The beauty of well-made Shaker furniture! From the crisp, clear lines of the designs to the beautiful tones of the wood, there's something classic and timeless about Shaker furniture. In this book we've gathered 31 handsome projects representing a wide range of iconic Shaker designs and furniture types. There's something here to fit just about any home. And best of all, the straightforward joinery makes the projects simpler to build. Shaker Furniture Projects is an invaluable resource that you're sure to use again and again.

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Customer Reviews

I've given this book three stars basically because of two extremes. On the one hand, the projects in this book are excellent and exactly what I was looking for. On the other, there are some unbelievably absurd editing errors. There are numerous styles of projects in this book... tables of all shapes and sizes, various cabinets & hutches, seating projects, and many others. I'm not equally excited about each of the 31 projects included in the book, but a great many of them are very intriguing and represent options I'd like to build at some point. The instructions for each project are probably aimed at experienced amateurs and up... there's little hand-holding in terms of the steps, and a lot of the plans make use of certain tools here or there that you may not have and will have to improvise around. But such is the nature of woodworking plans. All in all, the book is very practical and motivating if you like Shaker furniture and want a resource for building projects that's more

instructive than simple shop drawings. However, the very first project I zeroed in on to build, a drop-leaf table, is plagued with editing problems. When reading it for the first time, I was thrown for a loop because it recommended that you read a separate article on page XX (I don't recall the exact page off hand) for background on wood grain & the relevance for furniture legs. Well, I flipped to page XX in the book, and it made no mention whatsoever about this topic. I figured maybe a digit in the page number was transposed, so I flipped around to other pages in the book. Still no dice. Then it dawned on me... this whole project plan was a word-for-word copy/paste from the original article in the original magazine from 2003, and this article reference was to a page in the magazine itself! And the editors hadn't even bothered to proofread this and catch the bogus page number reference, let alone include the article in question in the book. But they didn't stop there. I found two other instances in this project alone where the plan strongly recommends that you refer to a poster for guidance on mortises and tenons. Once again, this is a poster in the original 2003 magazine edition itself, and the book editors didn't bother to correct for this. And further, whether the poster itself is actually helpful to have remains a mystery because it isn't included in this book either. So unless you track down and buy the original December 2003 magazine that contains this project plan, you'll never have the supporting article & poster that this plan makes reference to (and insists you read). Bottom line? Really neat Shaker projects... but pretty amateur proofreading & editing.

Good book

Fantastic book . Plenty of details and fun tastefully done period correct projects.

very good subject and content

This book is excellent. I really enjoy making shaker furniture, it can be used in both modern and traditional settings. Easy to understand directions for the woodworker.

I bought this as a birthday present for my son, and he is already planning several projects, not just the rocking chair that was the initial reason for the purchase of this book. He has already constructed other furniture and wants to branch out with the projects in this book.

Worth the price

Bought for my son and he loves it.

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