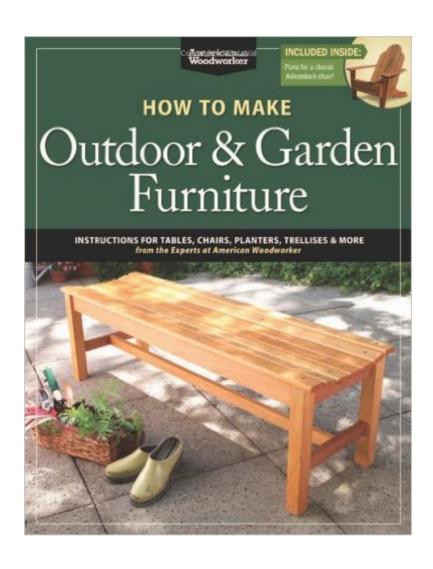
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How To Make Outdoor & Garden Furniture: Instructions For Tables, Chairs, Planters, Trellises & More From The Experts At American Woodworker (American Woodworker (Paperback))





Synopsis

Enjoy outdoor living to the fullest with these 22 functional and decorative furniture projects. Superb step-by-step photographs and excellent working drawings help ensure success. The time to complete each project ranges from a few hours to a couple of weekends, making this book an ideal resource for transforming your backyard or deck. From Adirondack chairs, patio bars, and picnic tables to showcase Victorian trellises and planters, these attractive pieces will beautify your outdoor space.

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Customer Reviews

I am still looking for a book that guides me in I guess "primitive" furniture assembly. What I mean by primitive: simple tools, for example drill, hammer, saw. I don't have access to such fancy, hi-tone equipment as a table saw or router-let alone the security (no house of my own and damned if I'll move so much to my next rental -I go where the work work is) or money to make such investments, and as a beginner in nowheresville I wouldn't want to screw up a neighbor's equipment...It's a nice fantasy read for me. Somewhere in an alternate universe I would have the resources to try out the designs in this book. It's not that I'm incapable of using equipment. I've done metal smithing in college, pickling, welding, molding, drilling, polishing. I've worked with etching equipment and photographic equipment. But I've never had the equipment myself it was all part of the school.So it's a nice book, but I'm a novice with no wood working equipment or experience so who am I to judge.

I was looking for plans to build an adironack chair for my son (at his request). I saw this book and in the upper right hand corner of the cover it states that it includes plans for a classic Adirondack chair. But when you get the book and the plan you find that this set of plans is for those with special tools and advanced skills and deep pockets. It does not use common joinery such as screws and glue, rather you have to be able to cut dovetails and other joints that do not require screws. Great if you know how but I don't. I also do not have the skills for mortise and tenion crafting. It calls for mahoganey. 16 bf 4/4 and 12 bf 5/4. Not only do I not have the skills, I couldn't afford it if I did have them. The next set of plans is for a double adirondack. It uses cedar and screws and glue. I may try to build it but that is not why I bought the book. And, most of the rest of the plans in the book are not of interest to me. So, I have a pretty book that I wish I did not have simply because it was misleading on the cover.

I was looking forward to receiving and using the book, sadly, almost the entirety of the projects require more than the basic tools. Multiple projects call for a biscuit jointer, router table, and mortise and tennon crafting. Nice looking projects, and I can still use the pictures and try to modify for my use, but I cant use them as written without purchasing a lot of new equiptment and tools

Much more involved than expected

Good projects.

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