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Fine Woodworking Design Book Eight: Original Furniture From The World's Finest Craftsmen



Synopsis

Fine Woodworking Design Books provide the best work in wood from craftsmen around the world. Woodworkers the world over have been waiting for the latest edition of Taunton's Fine Woodworking Design Book since 1996. In response to overwhelming reader requests, Volume Eight is finally here and it's been significantly fine-tuned to meet the demands of today's woodworkers. Unlike previous volumes, this new release focuses on a single aspect of woodworking design: furniture with over 100 incredible pieces in an amazing variety of styles: tables, chairs, desks, cabinets, bookcases, home entertainment centers, beds, and bureaus. The series has also been enhanced by in-depth design discussions, which reveal the secrets behind the masterful techniques of the world's leading furniture designers. The selections are shown in detailed photographs. Technical details are explained in 20 illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

I was disappointed because a lot of the furniture in here has been covered in other places, most notably in a magazine produced by FWW about 6 months ago. I've seen probably half of the furniture in other publications. However, if you've never seen this furniture before, you will be quite happy if you like contemporary styles. The authors decided that the book would cover new styles and not cover old styles that have been covered in many other places. Some of the pieces have sidebars regarding construction techniques and others are sorely lacking in detail (a point that is

acknowledged by the authors). The photos are superb but several pieces would benefit from having multiple views of the piece shown. In conclusion, I pre-ordered this book because I really enjoyed volumes 1-7. But when I read this book, there was a huge sense of déjà vu because this furniture has been published before. Actually, the more I think about it, I'm really quite disappointed in the re-hash of their magazine from six months ago. BTW, the book focuses on furniture and shies away from stuff like musical instruments, abstract art and boxes.

Fans of period furniture may be disappointed by Design Book Eight's focus on contemporary furniture design, but the book gathers an impressive portfolio of contemporary work organized by category (tables, beds, seating, desks, case goods, accessories, and production furniture). Works by Gary Rogowski, Kevin Rodel, and Thos. Moser share pages with many lesser known makers, and the approaches and construction techniques described are as varied as the contributors. The text accompanying the lush photography varies in utility, but the sources of inspiration suggest avenues for further reading. Design Book Eight is not a how-to manual, but more advanced woodworkers will find it useful as they consider their own designs.

I bought this for my dad for Christmas and it seems like a great book. I figured there would of been more measurements and directions on how they built things but my dad is great and this and will be able to figure it out no problem. I don't think I would recommend this to someone that is just starting out in the woodwork design.

Another excellent source of design ideas from Taunton. I often use these books for little jogs to my brain when it lacks inspiration. While not all examples are to my liking they offer a plethora of design diversities. I would have liked some background information on the construction methods used in the designs.

there was a better focus on usable furniture as opposed to artistic works. Art wasn't left out, it's just that the concepts were closer to helping me with ideas for my own designs

I love the color photos. And it's nice to see a collection of imagination. There's not too much more to it than that. they do tell you the materials that each piece is made from.

I purchased this book used. It was described as in Very Good condition and it met my expectations.

As with this series of 8 design books it is exceptional.

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