Great Book Of Shop Drawings For Craftsman Furniture, Revised Edition: Authentic And Fully Detailed Plans For 57 Classic Pieces
This big book provides complete working shop drawings for 57 classic furniture pieces. The author, a master cabinetmaker, measured original Craftsman antiques to create these detailed plans. With full perspective views, elevations, sections, details, and cutting lists for each project, this revised collection gives today’s woodworkers the heart of the Craftsman aesthetic, along with all the information needed for workshop success.

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The title of this book is spot on, this is a collection of really great shop drawings, and this book is a great value, but contrary to the impression created by the cover, it is NOT a collection of exploded 3d drawings. Too bad, such a collection would be welcome, but the cover drawing is the only one of it’s kind in the entire book. What this book IS: These ARE good shop drawings. For the most part, they are at least as detailed as drawings I have had from architects and designers of custom cabinets and furniture (designers often provide no more than outside dimensions and elevations, leaving all the joinery and interior details to the cabinet maker). Experienced craftsmen should have no problem duplicating the pieces in this book, or adapting them to fit a particular space or need, and while careful beginners will need to stretch their capabilities, they too should have no inordinate difficulty. What you are getting, for a price about equal to ONE set of “measured drawings” and a video by a famous TV woodworker (and don't misunderstand, Mr. Abram's drawings are good) is a set of detailed drawings for 57 Craftsman style pieces, along with detailed, but general text about...
the history of the Arts and Crafts style and the design sensibilities of Gustav Stickley, Harvey Ellis, the Greenes, and their better imitators. But the real value of this book goes beyond the 57 pieces of furniture.

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