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The Handbuilt Home: 34 Simple Stylish And Budget-Friendly Woodworking Projects For Every Room



Synopsis

Create a Beautiful, Modern Home with One-of-a-Kind DIY FurnitureBeds, organizers, Adirondack chairs, a play table, and more! It's easy to build inexpensive, quality furnishings with this indispensable collection of woodworking projects from Ana White, the popular blogger who has inspired millions of homemakers with her stylish furniture plans and DIY spirit. As a young mom on a tight budget, Ana learned to make her own well-designed pieces inspired by the styles in her favorite storesâ "saving thousands of dollars in the process. Now, in this reference for woodworkers of all skill levels, Ana shares everything she has learned along the way. Inside The Handbuilt Home you'll find:â ¢ Plans for 34 versatile furniture projects for every room in your houseâ "from beginner-friendly home accessories to sturdy tables, a media center, kidsâ ™ items, and storage solutionsâ ¢ Comprehensive information on using off-the-shelf lumber and basic equipmentâ "almost every project can be made with a drill, a saw, and some hand toolsâ ¢ Easy-to-follow instructions, costs, and time estimates to guide even the most amateur of carpenters through any projectYou donâ ™t need to be physically tough or superstrong to make your own furniture, and itâ ™s okay if you donâ ™t know that a 2x4 doesnâ ™t actually measure 2 by 4 inches. All you need is the determination to create a better home for yourself or your family and the confidence to say, â œI can build that.â •Â Also available as an eBook

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Customer Reviews

Bought Anna's book because I have done a lot of projects off her blog and wanted to support her. Wood working is a fairly precise activity, if you are off by even a little you can have a very misshapen final project. With that said she has numerous errors, the worst being the adirondack chair (stringer should be 26 3/8 inch not 24 1/4 inch). At least 3 builds have the wrong shopping lists. I even contacted her awhile ago and still no response clarifying the measurements. She should at least put the corrections on her blog. The idea of this book is to make building things easy and cheap. This doesn't happen if you have to go back to the hardware store 3 times and buy extra wood because you made the wrong cuts or bought a 6 foot board instead of an 8 foot board. Returning the book and will just stick with her blog. Would also agree with other reviewers that there is very little new content in book vs her blog. Save your money and just go to her website.

I have followed Ana almost since she started blogging, and have built several pieces of furniture already. In this book, you aren't going to find complicated building methods like you see in the woodworking magazines - you can literally be a person who has never swung a hammer, and after following Ana's simple directions, you will be building in no time. Also, you don't need any expensive tools to build most of what she has in the book. The photos and design is gorgeous, and it's nothing but plans. I'm excited to get back to building!

I do a lot of woodworking and furniture making. My wife suggested I get this book for the plans related to kids furniture. The book is well written and easy to follow. However, when I followed the shopping list and began to build the play table I realized one 8 foot long 1x3 was not enough for this project. With the children's chair, only one 8 foot 2x2 was required, not the 2 specified in the shopping list. Also, the shopping list specifies 2 1/2 inch pocket screws. No where in the instructions does it say where to use them. If the book is intended for non-woodworkers as stated, errors of this type can confuse the beginner.

This book would have 5 stars had they decided to build these projects per the directions. So far I am two projects in on this book and have found errors in both projects. Her shopping list tells you to buy enough wood for one side, not two. This error is found in her farm house table plans and the farm house bench. This book has potential but she doesn't even bother to rectify these with a newer edition or in her blog that she is so well known for. If you buy this book make sure you read the shopping list and cut list. If something seems out of place that's because it is.

I was given this book as a gift because I am pretty handy and an avid diy"er". Ana's book was amazing I have already made a table, and I can not wait to try bookcase for my kids room. She makes it so easy that even though I can find my way around the toolbox, this book gives you great ideas. You basically pick a project, and take your book with you to the lumber yard for all the pre-cut sizing. No math needed its great. Donna K. The Handbuilt Home: 34 Simple Stylish and Budget-Friendly Woodworking Projects for Every Room

The book is beautifully laid out and gives you some nice projects for around the house. I've only done one project (project 13 - the recycling console), and there are a few errors in both the shopping list and the measurements. First, you'll need an extra 1X3. Not such a big deal for me as I have a Lowes a couple miles away, but I did have to make an extra trip. What was a big deal was the incorrect length of the base of the unit. True, I should have done the math in my head to see that it was 2" shorter than it needed to be, but honestly I shouldn't have to. Since it was 2 inches too short, I had to recut most of my other pieces (trim boards, shelves, top, etc.) to match the new shorter length. It was a pain in the butt. I will do more projects from the book but I'll make sure to double check her math before proceeding.

I read this book last night from cover to cover. Have you ever looked at a table or a bookshelf and thought to yourself... "2000\$ that's crazy I could make that for a fraction of the cost!" but then you have no idea where to start you keep dreaming and settle for cheap particle wood furniture?? Well Ana really breaks down furniture making and explains it in such a clear manner that you really can!! I've followed her blog for a while now and have made several of the plans in this book... It's the best self help book on the market! Because if a full time working, single mother of a small child (with no experience) can build coffee tables and play kitchens than I promise you, anyone can!! The joy of seeing your child sleep in the bed you made them and play with the toys you've made is priceless! The Handbuilt Home is a wonderful book for anyone interested in learning about woodworking and would also make a great gift for any DIY person on your Christmas list!

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