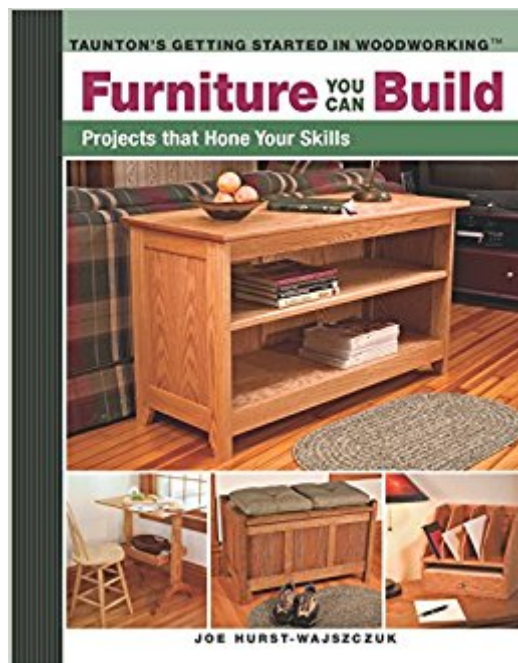




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# Furniture You Can Build: Projects That Hone Your Skills Series (Getting Started In Woodworking)



## Synopsis

The first volume in this series "Getting Started in Woodworking: Skill Building Projects that Teach the Basics" proved that a book specifically designed to address the needs of beginning woodworkers has broad appeal. The second and third books in the series focus on shop development, while this fourth book continues the use of projects as a means to learn and practice skills. Studies have shown that beginners need two things to continue their interest in woodworking: early success and increasing confidence. This book, like its predecessors is designed to do exactly that: give the reader projects they'll be proud to own and the means to accomplish them successfully. The projects range from a computer cart (to store a CPU) to small trestle table and a bed. All of them have been chosen for maximum impact and doability for a novice. Making the simple desk which might retail at \$1600 for less than 1/8 of the cost provides strong incentive to attempt construction. And this book provides all the instruction, support, and tips to help any serious beginner achieve their goal.

Projects Included: Desk Organizer, Blanket Box, Storage Bench, Breakfast Table, Sofa table, Bookcase, Simple bed, Desk

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## Customer Reviews

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this a book for anyone who has the really good tools and routers, etc. But not very clear if you have only hand tools

This is a great practical book. Covers the basics and moderately advanced projects and techniques. Doesn't just tell you to get the ABC Jig; it shows you how to build the ABC Jig. Maybe just a little simple for the really serious, advanced woodworker, but perfect for a small home shop weekend guy that doesn't want to spend a year on one project.

This book has some fine furniture ideas and outlines in it, but this book is probably not for you if you are a beginner or only a part-time hobbyist with limited tools in your workshop. I think it is geared more toward intermediate to high woodworking skill set, particularly people that have access to a higher end tool workshop. I do like some of the furniture concepts, but I think the book is too technical for the non-professional woodworker. Some of the technique diagrams, pictures, and written directions are confusing to follow if you have never done them before. None of the designs are day or weekend projects. I likewise felt that there were a lot of ways to achieve the furniture looks and concepts without having to use a lot of the skills and techniques the book recommends. A lot of the techniques require some specialty and high end tools that I most hobbyists won't have access to like biscuit joiners and high end dado jigs. In other words, a lot of these designs are over-engineered in my opinion. If you want to get into high end furniture making, then you might consider buying this book. Certainly the plans and ideas are professional grade furniture. I think if you are a beginner, this book is probably not that helpful to you.

I bought this book for the quartersawn white oak blanket chest, since that is what my daughter asked for. The piece is beautiful. The milling instructions are ambiguous and confusing. On at least two occasions, the book text tells me to place the parts one way for machining grooves, and in the accompanying photo it says to turn them the opposite way. There's a lot to figure out in this project, and I had to remake the legs because the biscuit slots turned out to be in the wrong place -- about 20 hours of wasted effort. I am now struggling to make sense of the frame and panel assemblies. I will get it done correctly, but the book could have been more helpful.

This book is great for those who are looking to expand their woodworking skills or get ideas for other projects. It gives a good bit of introductory material for those who are inexperienced to wood crafting with tools, techniques, and easy step by steps with pictures and illustrations. However, in order for a

person to do most of these projects the way they instruct, you really can't be just a casual carpenter because they include some tools that I don't even own. So be prepared to compromise on a few of these projects or spend quite a bit of money or find a friend who is in a little deeper than you are and who has the specified tools.

So usefull !!

I will share this and enjoy the creating

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