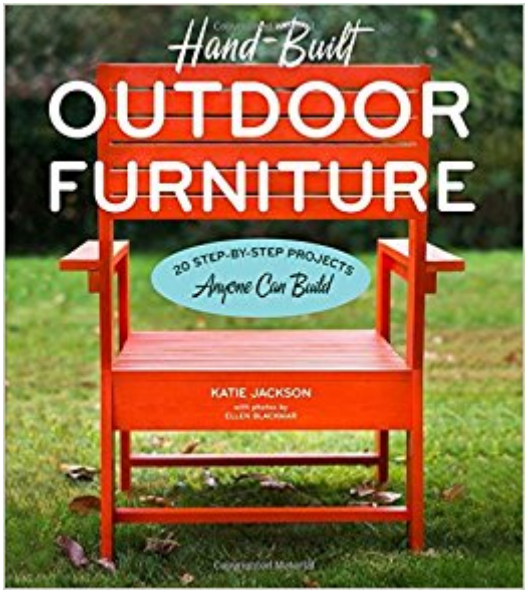
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# Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture: 20 Step-by-Step Projects Anyone Can Build




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## Synopsis

Selected as a Gardens IllustratedÃ Â Recommended ReadHand-Built Outdoor Furniture covers twenty step-by-step, fully illustrated projectsÃ Â with hundreds of clear and easy-to-follow photographs.Ã Â Finished pieces include simple items include a trellis, a flower box, and a plant stand and more complicated projects include a chaise lounge, a sectional with built-in storage, and a slat bench. Katie Jackson's projects are simple, clean, and timeless and work well within a wide variety of styles. Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture is the perfect primer for people new to woodworking, DIYers, and homeowners looking for a simple and affordable to decorate their space.

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## Customer Reviews

Ã¢â ¬Å“If you want to build your own outdoor furniture, but have zero to little woodworking experience, this books I for you.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Library Journal Ã¢â ¬Å“For people already attuned to woodworking, this book has great project ideas. For people interested in picking up a woodworking hobby, this book gives the tools and basic knowledge to learn new skills. . . .Ã Â a very satisfying do-it-yourself guide with tasteful and varied projects.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Washington Gardener Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“The craft of woodworking. . . . remains one of the most satisfying creative outlets. . . .Ã Â Try your hand at it with Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture by Katie Jackson, who shows us that with a few basic tools and a weekend, anyone can build a beautiful wood project for their outdoor space.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •The Florida Times-Union Ã¢â ¬Å“Will inspire you to break out the

miter saw, drill, and sander. With an appealing mix of contemporary and traditional-style projects.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Digging

Build a stylish backyard oasis! Whether you just have a couple hours or an entire weekend, woodwork artist Katie Jackson will show you how to create gorgeous, contemporary furniture for your outdoor space.Ã Â Start off small with shaker pegboard shelves and stair-step planter boxes and work your way up to creating a complete chaise sectional and rolling coffee table. With minimal investment, standard tools, and readily-available materials from your local lumberyard, you can outfit your yard with 20 one-of-a-kind projects thatÃ Â are better than anything you could buy.

This book is a very thorough guide into woodworking, and I can't wait to try out a project of my own! Wish me luck! PS - The pictures and the example pieces are works of art in and of themselves!

It was a fun book to read. It's always fun to see other people's ideas.

Gosh this book does make these things look do-able. I look forward to putting these ideas to work!

Love this book, hope to try making some of the items!

The red chair is niceOther projects did not catch my attention otherwise good book easy to read and make!

Katie Jackson writes so clearly, explains stuff so well. If you haven't done woodworking since you were a kid (like me) and want to try building something simple, this is a great book to get you started. The author completely empathizes with anyone who is nervous about messing up ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â • but she's so patient, so step-by-step, and so... I guess the word is "reassuring" ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â • that you truly go forward believing you can dive right in and JUST DO IT. Which, it turns out, is most of the battle. The book explains all the basics: how to buy lumber; how to use different tools (and what these tools ARE, and what they do!); what different woods are best for what purposes; all the basics of wood generally; SAFETY stuff; tons of woodworking skills in easy-to-understand, picture-heavy instructions; all the way to staining and painting your projects. Which leads to the centerpiece of the book, the 20 projects you can build. You can start out with something as simple as tasteful and beautiful pegboard, or a flower box, but there's also lovely

furniture like a chaise lounge, a rolling coffee table, a slat bench, or a garden swing. The entire book (the whole thing, not just the actual projects you can build) is VERY THOROUGHLY illustrated with clear photos. And the outdoor furniture Katie Jackson has designed is really attractive. Sort of understatedly classic, and vaguely whimsical, and modern-feeling.... simultaneously. I would say the book is aimed at adults who want to rediscover woodworking, but it’s a great book for kids, too ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â • evidently the author has taught kids for several years, and knows how to communicate easily and enthusiastically to young people too.

Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture lives up to its subtitle - these are projects anyone can make using only a few inexpensive tools. The book is beautifully laid out and very easy to follow. Photographs of the finished projects, steps, and tools/techniques make it a friendly and frustration-fee experience. The book isn’t intended to create works of art; the pieces are basic but functional and made from materials found at all hardware stores (a mitre saw and cordless drill are the core tools). More importantly, the projects upon each other in difficulty and skills so that by the end project, readers will be comfortable with foundational woodworking techniques.The book breaks down as follows: Part 1 thoroughly discusses the basics of woodworking tools and machines as well as construction techniques. Part 2 gives step by step directions for each project. The projects include: shaker pegboard shelves, garden swing, trellis, plant shelf, stair box planter, two board bench, flower box, bird house, nautical themed end table, potting bench, rolling coffee table, sectional furniture with storage/lounger, slat bench, bistro table, torchiere, international orange chair, sectional furniture with storage: chair, chaise longue, sectional furniture with storage: ottoman, and an obelisk.As noted earlier, the projects are organized by difficulty. After the first 3-4 items are built, readers can then cherry pick through the rest of the book, with an idea of the difficulty depending on how far into the later projects they go. Although instructions for a wide range of woodworking machines are given, the emphasis is not on huge machine investments.There are some very lovely projects in the book. The slat bench and storage ottomans are particularly nice. But likely many will start with the various planters or shelves. An emphasis on counterboring and plugging screw holes is utilized for all the projects - this ensures a better looking end product.Author Jackson is a woodworking instructor and provides a friendly and uncomplicated tone throughout the book. Because the book is so beautifully laid out and photographed, there is little in the way of confusion or frustration to keep projects from being completed. And since there aren’t many tools required, this is definitely a book that absolute beginners with no tools or experience can feel confident about attempting. As well, the projects all allow for the reader’s own aesthetics in the choice of color, design elements, or embellishments.This

is definitely a wonderful book to help someone begin to learn a new skill or hobby. A small yard, garage, or even balcony are all that's needed to complete most of these items. Reviewed from an advance reader copy provided by the publisher.

Outdoor Furniture book is a welcome source of great information with easy to do step by step directions that had me making a planter in no time at all. Beautiful pictures, ideas and the writer's thoughtful directions and material lists are so easy to follow. Begineer to Advanced crafters will be inspired to make planters, ottoman,lounger and more by following the easy steps from the beautiful ideas in this creative book.

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