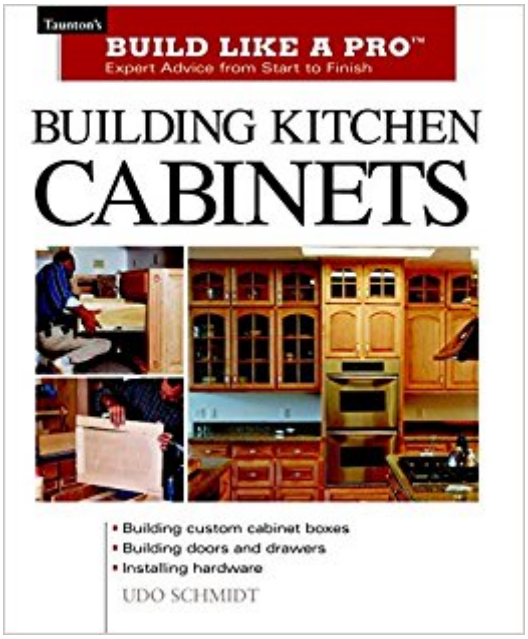
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Building Kitchen Cabinets: Taunton's BLP: Expert Advice From Start To Finish (Taunton's Build Like A Pro)



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Synopsis

When you build your own cabinets youre not just saving money. You also can improve upon the materials and construction used in factory-made cabinets, and get exactly the sizes you want. And with the techniques that Udo Schimdt demonstrates and explains in Building Kitchen Cabinets, you can incorporate custom details in your cabinets to make them even more distinctive. Arched doors, custom cornice treatments, oversize pantry cabinets, and solid wood end panels are just a few of the options to consider. If you’re comfortable using a router, tablesaw, and drill, this book will show you how to build beautiful cabinets in your own workshop. What’s inside: Designing custom cabinetry to suit your space and budget Building drawers and doors in a variety of different styles Installing Euro-style concealed hinges and drawer slides Improving storage and convenience with special hardware and accessories Selecting and installing a wide range of countertops

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Customer Reviews

Udo Schmidt apprenticed with a master cabinetmaker in Germany before moving to the United States over 20 years ago. Today he combines Old World craftmanship with time-saving tools and techniques. He lives and works in North Carolina.

A MUST HAVE for anyone wanting to learn about cabinet making!!!There are many books out there

on cab building, and variations / styles to the design & process.Udo’s approach is solid, flexible, and is presented in an outstanding fashion, and lots of photosAdd Gregory Paolini’s "Building Kitchen Cabinets Made Simple" " book / DVD and you’ll have a solid beginning foundation to possibly a whole new career in cabinet building!I didTip: The Kreg pockethole jig is absolutely critical to building cabinets!!

In giving this book 3 stars, I am comparing it toÃ Â The Complete Kitchen Cabinetmaker: Shop Drawings and Professional Methods for Designing and Constructing Every Kind of Kitchen and Built-In CabinetÃ Â by Robert Lang.So, here’s an observation that has come to me after reading several of Taunton’s books... Why do they all mostly concentrate on face-frame cabinets? Some of us don’t particularly care for the traditional look, and the wasted space, and the convoluted work arounds for mounting drawer slides in cases to clear the face frames... etc.Although, I’ll have to admit, within the style Mr. Schmidt’s cabinets are absolutely beautiful. I just wished it was more comprehensive than it actually is.I’ll say that it is a good companion to Mr. Lang’s book. However, if I were to have only one, I’d go for Mr. Lang’s "The Complete Kitchen Cabinetmaker."

Great book on the subject. Sitting on the table next to me now. If you’re looking to build your own kitchen or get into it for business, you could do far worse than this title. However, you might find you need other references, too. For the one book do-it-all (especially for the beginner), search for Lang’s title.That said, this is an excellent resource with lots of illustrations and good info on types and construction. Perhaps if I’d not seen the other book, I’d give this five stars.

Well documented with extensive color pictures,clear descriptions and pro. advices comprehensive A to Z ,I mean from plywood sheet to installations ,finishing included.. This is a must have cabinet maker bible book

Great book, has a lot of ideas, plans and blue prints. I’ve been an avid wood worker for my entire life and just built my first set of kitchen cabinets for my daughter. They came out fantastic. I referenced this book many times through the process. Would definitely recommend to any hobbyist woodworker looking to enter into the realm of cabinetry.

I purchased this book along with Randy Johnson’s How to Make Kitchen Cabinets. Udo Schmidt is a craftsman who wrote a good book. He used a standard pattern of design, carcass, door, drawer,

install, and counter top. This book deals with face frame cabinets exclusively. Although my goal is to build frameless cabinets, most of the information provided still applies to frameless cabinets. The author doesn't really delve much into the hardware used in cabinets which is a detriment. The side bars that give tips are useful to help avoid mistakes and provide extra information. The photographs are nicely presented and help to show what is being written about. Although there are only so many ways to build a cabinet, technology changes and it can be easier, faster, and more efficient with new tools and techniques. Since this book was written about ten years ago, it shows its age in this regard. Like the other book, this one is a good resource and I would recommend it as well for anyone wanting to build their own cabinets.

I bought several "building kitchen cabinet" books for reference and sold all but this one. Udo Schmidt captures the all the details that a first-time kitchen cabinet builder needs to know, and he has included plenty of pro-tips for the more seasoned craftsman as well. This is a comprehensive, well-written manual that will allow you to build high end kitchen cabinets (if that's what you want) or their more basic cousins. Udo takes the time to recommend which drawer hardware and hinges to use (there is a universe of choices, so this was particularly helpful). If you buy only one kitchen cabinet book, this is the one I would recommend.

This is my third copy. I wore the first two out. I went from never building a cabinet to building beautiful custom made cabinetry. Saved me $85k by building them myself and now I have a full cabinet shop and have a buyer for all the tools. Bottom line... It cost me $4000 to build cabinets estimated at $85k to $105k by custom cabinet shops.

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