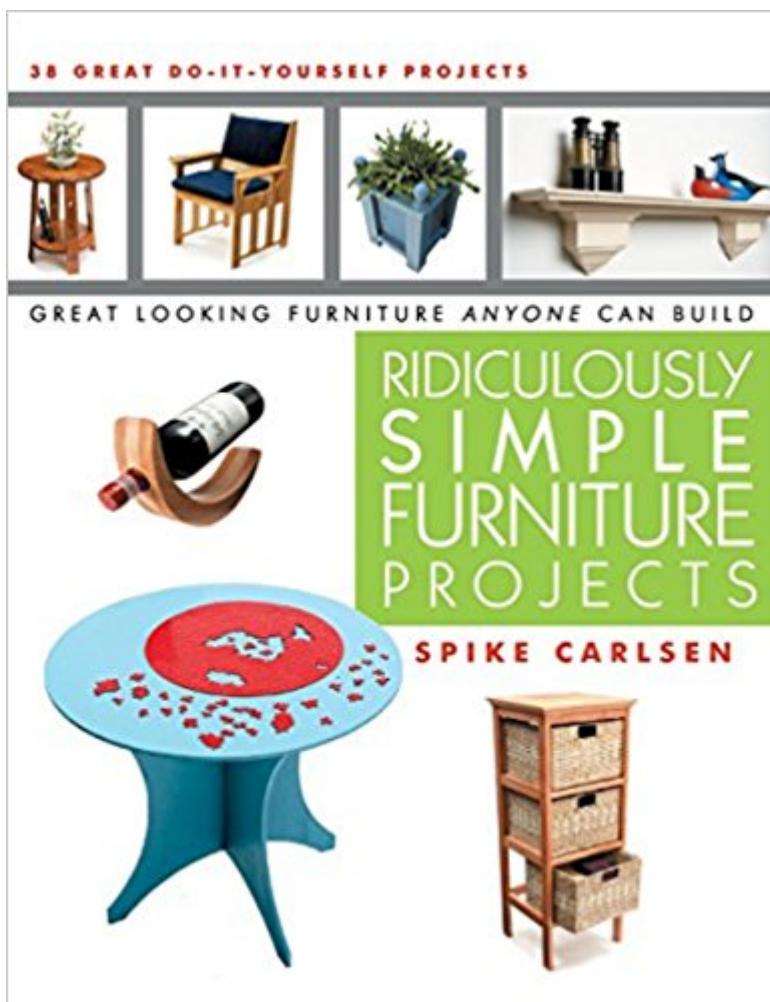


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Ridiculously Simple Furniture Projects: Great Looking Furniture Anyone Can Build



Synopsis

Blending the practicality of IKEA with the creativity of Martha Stewart, this collection of innovative projects is presented with simplicity of construction in mind. The suggested pieces are practical, have broad appeal, and carry a high brag factor upon completion. Requiring minimal assembly time and tools, this concise, engaging, and even humorous guide offers countless tips as well as clear and instructive photography. The majority of the projects also incorporate clever construction, such as the use of bifold doors, stock cabinets, and off-the-shelf lumber, guaranteeing that the required materials are both inexpensive and easily accessible. Featuring ideas for furnishing both the interior and the exterior of the home, this handbook is ideal for weekend woodworkers.

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Customer Reviews

""40 different projects, for every room of the house, and even some outdoor furniture . . . almost any reader will find 10 or 12 projects here that strike their fancy.""" --www.StartWoodworking.com (April 21, 2011)

Spike Carlsen has been involved in the world of wood and woodworking for more than 30 years. He is the former executive editor of ""The Family Handyman"" magazine and a regular contributor to ""American Woodworker,"" ""FreshHome,"" and ""Men's Health"" magazines. He is the author of ""A Splintered History of Wood: Belt Sander Races, Blind Woodworkers and Baseball Bats,"" selected

as an NPR Best Book of the Year. He lives in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Very easy to build projects, many of which are also designed to make efficient use of materials (for example, a portable table that is made out of one sheet of plywood, using clever cuts to minimize waste). Mostly, it is household projects, like shelves, a small table, bookcase or DVD rack, and the like.4 stars because it is a solid value for someone looking for simple do-it-yourself ideas, for practical projects. I can't quite give it 5 stars, because the instructions on a few of the projects are not very detailed.

I bought this book for my husband who is recently retired and reviving his interest in woodworking. He has been updating his tools and outfitting his workshop with the basics. This book was perfect for him. He has some basic skills and wants to learn more--this book includes projects that are simple, but well designed and very attractive. The instructions and photos are well done, and the extra comments and side articles are very helpful. Of all the books we looked we own on the topic, this is probably the best.

I would call myself an advanced intermediate wood worker. I already own most of the tools, but found myself getting a little stagnant with things to build. I came across this to get a few ideas and thought maybe I would get some pointers as well. Well, the book did it. I got lots of fun ideas. Projects that take less than an hour to more complex are in here. Even projects you can do from scraps you may have laying around. There are projects that anybody can do and with very minimal tools. If you ever went to a store and looked at a shelf and said wow that's crazy how much money these cost, do yourself a favor and pick up this book or one like it. You will see how simple it is to build some of this stuff. Even if you don't have any tools you can pick up a few cheap tools to get you started. Check pawn shops for tools if you are really on a budget. For under \$100 you can set yourself up with a few tools and materials for a couple of projects, plus once you have the tools you only need to buy them once (until you wear it out anyways which normally will take a long time if you take care of them). Great book.

I bought this book for my husband on recommendation from my dad. My dad tried his hand at the cookbook stand and in only a matter of hours it was done, functional and beautiful! (He gave it to me after I told him how much it would match my kitchen!) My husband is now eager to try his hand at these projects once he saw the ease with which my dad flew through his first project. I think there is

going to be a whole lot of new furniture floating around our house soon!

The projects in this book are very simple but rather than relying on your skills it relies on your wallet. A lot of the projects are easy because you go to the hardware shop and buy a piece ready-made. For example the round discs that you need to build "Uncle Bob's Craftsman Side Table." - rather than making it yourself you buy it. I was hoping for a little bit more instruction and a lot less shopping.

As a new woodworker, I needed a few projects to build my confidence. This book provided not only excellent and simple projects, but it also was well-written. I will seek out other works by Spike Carlson and would encourage those in need of good but simple projects to take a look here first.

Simple easy to follow designs, love the Jigsaw puzzle chair which I have already built 2 sets.

I love this book and plan to make everything in it. I'm moving across the country and sold all my furniture rather than move it. I plan to make as much as I can since I've discovered I love working with tools and doing stuff myself. The ideas in this book look easy to make, it has good instructions, the furniture is attractive and I think it will be fun.

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