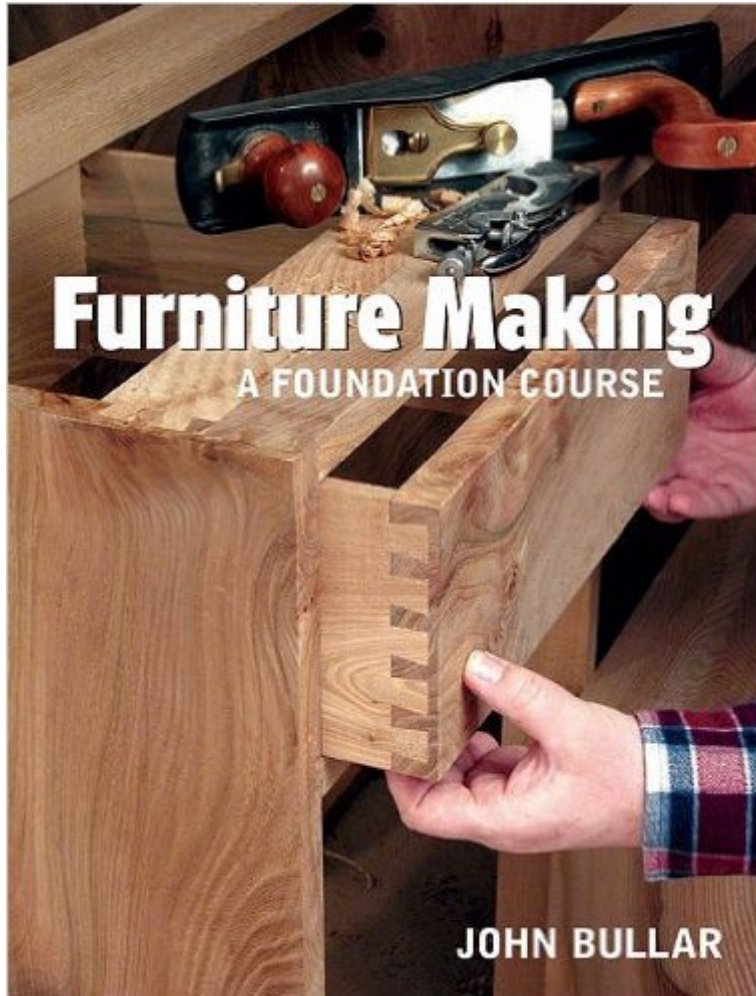


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# Furniture Making: A Foundation Course



## Synopsis

Wouldn't it be nice if you could take a college course in furniture making, without having to pay university prices? Now you can - similar to a college course, this jargon-free guide presents everything you would learn from those furniture design schools to build fine, beautiful furniture.

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## Customer Reviews

The book is well-written and illustrated, but about a third of the introductory material (i.e. other than the actual projects) is related to power tools, and only the first two (of ten) projects are designed to be done using only hand tools. At a minimum, if you don't own or plan to purchase a band saw, this will not be a very useful book for you. From the sample pictures on , which feature hand planes and one of the hand tool projects, I assumed that the book would be more balanced.

An excellent book which takes you through choice of wood, selection and use of tools, techniques like making joints and then projects. All areas are covered in a helpful style with detailed photographs. The ten projects progress from a simple stool to an attractive Shaker style wardrobe designed to go with the bed and bedside cabinet projects. The projects part include clear diagrams, cutting lists and photographs with good text giving you the benefit of the author's practical experience. Where there are areas of difficulty in a project these are discussed and helpful advice on detailed technique is given. The book would be a great buy for anyone wanting to start out or

progress in furniture making

This is an interesting book and well presented but I just didn't find it very useful. I am not sure what the author intended as a foundation course it was not what I expected. The information on "how to" was sketchy so it is certainly not furniture "101". If you want to have a general idea of what furniture making is maybe this does that but you can buy Fine Furniture magazine and get that and a lot more. I agree with the other review that it is easy to read but content is light. If you are looking for something with more meat try the Taunton Press books on this site. Happy wood-butcher!

I received this book today and promptly sat down and read it from cover to cover. The book does a good job of talking about woods and different cuts, but I still found it heavy on jargon and it often used terms it did not define. I would often look back and think "Did I miss something?" This book does do a good job of explaining different types of joinery, but it is not for everyone. I was a bit disappointed.

This book is a fairly broad and helpful guide to the basic tools and techniques of woodworking. It is well laid out and, in addition to the very descriptive text, there are multiple helpful pictures in each section. I would prefer more drawn diagrams to supplement, but otherwise it is a very helpful guide, and I would recommend it to anyone thinking about taking up woodworking, or who, like me, already tried to take it up and realized a little more help would be, well, helpful.

I found this book to be extremely useful. It answered many of the questions I had about woodworking that I have been unable to find elsewhere. The book flows from an introduction to wood types and species to advanced joinery techniques. If you are able looking for a guide to begin your woodworking journey, this is a great place to start.

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