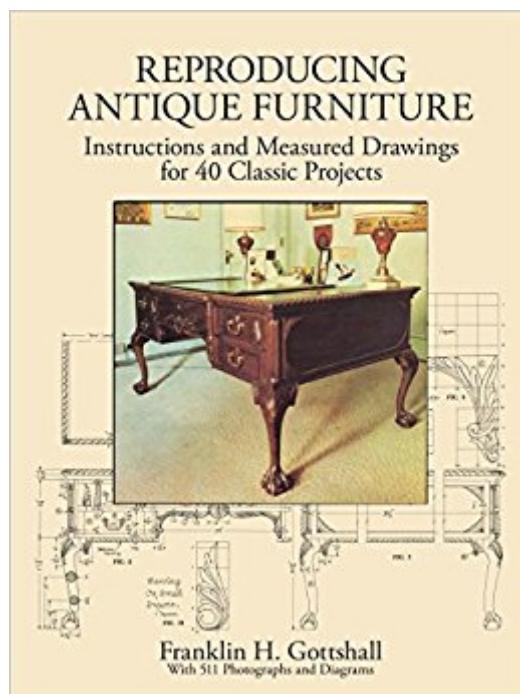


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# Reproducing Antique Furniture: Instructions And Measured Drawings For 40 Classic Projects (Dover Woodworking)



## Synopsis

With this profusely illustrated guide, even beginning woodworkers can build precise reproductions of the most sought-after antique furniture — heirloom pieces by Sheraton, Hepplewhite, Duncan, Phyfe, Chippendale, and other celebrated craftsmen. It's possible by following the simple, step-by-step procedures outlined in this expert manual. You'll learn how to construct such magnificent antiques as a Chippendale flat-topped partner's desk, Queen Anne handkerchief table, Sheraton drop-leaf dining table, Hepplewhite four-poster bed, grandfather clock, Queen Anne spice cabinet, and many more. Every step is clearly explained and illustrated, with remarkably detailed and precise construction drawings, accompanied by exact measurements. You'll even find superb photographs of the finished pieces. The book begins with an expert introduction to the fundamentals of cabinetmaking and woodworking: how to cut, square, and plane lumber; the use and care of hand tools; and then clear explanations of such processes as joinery, drawer construction, dovetailing, wood turning, gluing, bull and claw foot carving, and other wood carving details as well as how to choose the correct stock. Also included is a wealth of time-tested advice on selecting hardware, finishing, and other aspects of the craft. No matter what your level of woodworking expertise — novice to expert — the exceptionally precise and well-thought-out instructions and diagrams in this book will enable you to craft beautiful and authentic antique furniture you'll be proud to use and display for years to come.

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again this is one of several of this authors books that I am very happy to now own. My desire is to build a Secretary. I presently have information to proceed. This book adds a very nice addition to my sources. A previous book by this author offers plans for construction a loom (Making Furniture Masterpieces). To do what I want to do all I need is time (money ,space, source of materials also will help)

It is helping me with repairs to an original Stickley Chair

Great book for reproduction furniture with blueprints and schematic's for making the ginger bread trim

many great ideas which are challenging though!!

Franklin Gottshall has written a number of great woodworking project/reproduction books and periodically reshuffles and reassembles his popular plans. This book one is similar to an earlier red cover version on Reproducing Antique Furniture. I built a variation of the blockfront chest. Gottshall's construction explanations are very clear and his drawings are thorough, and accurate. I wanted a four drawer instead of a three drawer chest. I used a Kittinger catalog to rescale the piece, but basically followed Gottshall's construction. His piece did call for full 7/8in sides which required a little research to find. A source supply would have been nice. I accomplished the carving of the shells from his layout, though I modified the center design somewhat, and thought his shell looked a little thick, but simply thinning it down did the trick. Because when I built the piece in 1974, I didn't have the variety of router bits available today, I found I had to design some templates and jigs to ensure success on the complex cuts. But all that is doable. Recommend that you draw up full scale plans from Gottshall's plans for complex pieces. It will help you learn the construction. Even if you do not like or build all the pieces, it is a valuable reference on fine furniture construction that you'll reference often. It's a great book.

I took the initiative to build the carved corner china from the plans in this book and they are excellent. When I was done with my project I wrote Mr. Gottshall with photos of my project and he wrote back immediately, as I am perhaps the only other person he knew who built this particular project. I telephoned him to thank him for the education I got building from his plans but alas, he had

had a stroke. This was in 1978. I can be reasonably certain Frank has passed away by now, but his legacy is in his books which got better as he got older. A must for any cabinetmaker.

I guess some people really like this book. Like the other book, it has an attractive cover, but inside...lacks. The drawings are hard to understand, of not the best quality and would have expected more.

I recently built the Queen Anne chest-on-frame described in this book, and I found the plans and descriptions to be complete, but a bit challenging to decypher. This book is for the serious woodworker who wants to make period furniture, not for the hobbyist. This was my first attempt at a substantial piece of furniture, and I am pleased enough with the results that I will probably build other projects from the book.

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