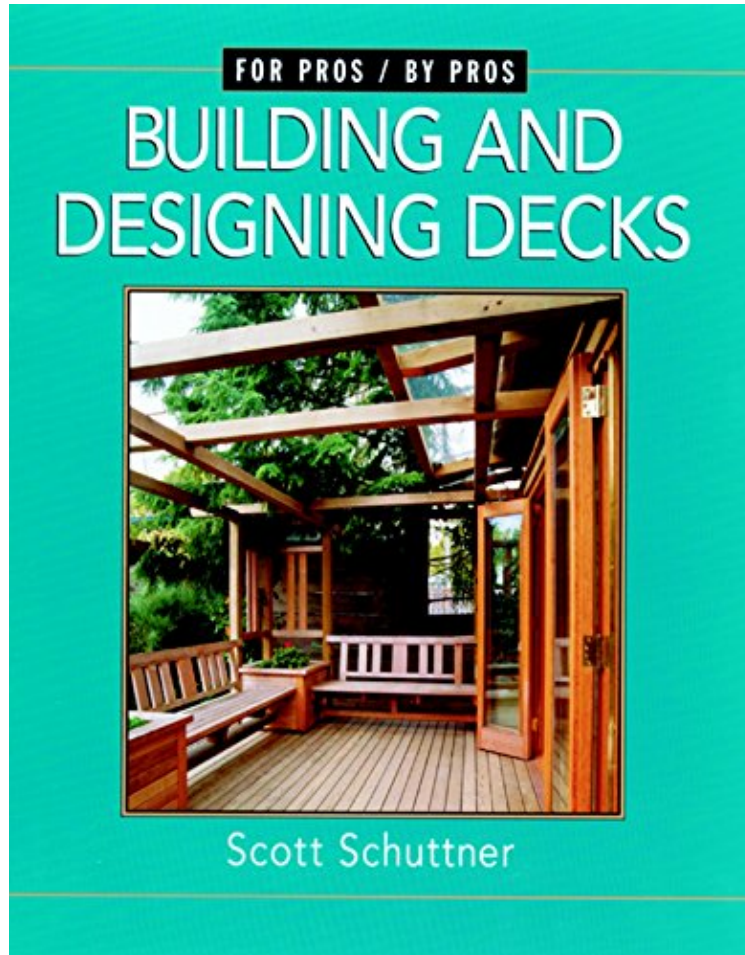


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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Complete yet succinctBy Jon RobinsonI intimidated by building a small deck despite some experience in the framing industry, because I had some questions that were proving hard to answer. This book answered all of them and inspired me and gave me confidence. My wife decided that she would rather spend the money paying a contractor so we are going that route, but the book helps you in that regard too. This is because even if you hire a contractor, you probably need to be very involved in the design phase in order to be pleased by the finished product. This book has an excellent section on designing decks and hiring contractors.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. GreatBy Richard A Lambgreat deck book10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Clear and completeBy Jessica L WilliamsAfter successfully completing a bookcase I decided I'd tackle a bigger project - a 500 sq. ft. second-story multi-level cantilevered deck. It took me a long time by

myself, but I did it and every single thing I needed to know was in this book. Design issues, code requirements, foundation work, hardware, and clearly illustrated instructions for each procedure. I spent about a month reading this book, walking the space, and sketching designs. I frequently referenced the book during the construction and always found solutions I needed. The guy delivering the French doors commented that my "contractor" was doing a very professional job! As a side note, the author presents a variety of railing designs but prefers a "porch-style" railing. This was MUCH more time consuming than I expected, but is my single favorite feature of my deck. The gallery of deck photos was good, though many of the exotic design elements could not be built with the information in this book alone. In my opinion you can't look at too many design photos while preparing your own, and I did browse a number of other books and magazines for this purpose. But for the technical details, this book was my bible.

Everything you need to design and build attractive, long-lasting decks is inside the covers of *Building and Designing Decks*. Professional carpenter Scott Schuttner takes you step-by-step, detail by detail, through the entire deck-building process, including how to: Develop your own design ideas and turn them into well-engineered plans, Select the right lumber, fasteners and finishes, Build a framework that's plumb, square and solid, Make planters, stairs and seating, Work efficiently without sacrificing quality. With Schuttner as your guide, you get clear descriptions and detailed drawings to build whatever kind of deck your budget and skill allow—anything from a basic, single-level deck to elaborate, multilevel masterpieces. And to help you get started, a 16-page photo gallery gives you more than 40 inspiring examples of superb deck design.

From *Library Journal* Schuttner, an accomplished builder, is known for his previous best-selling carpentry guide, *Basic Stairbuilding* (Taunton Pr., 1990). His current book, designed for the accomplished do-it-yourselfer and profusely illustrated with both photographs and line drawings, is another professional effort. Schuttner wisely recommends spending more time designing than building, pointing out that mistakes that could otherwise prove disastrous are easily corrected in the design stage. All the basics and most of the secondary considerations are addressed with clarity, simplicity, and sensitivity. For most building collections. (Index not seen.)-- Alex Hartmann, Bloomsburg Univ. Lib., Pa. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Scott Schuttner is a contributor for Taunton Press titles including *Basic Stairbuilding*.