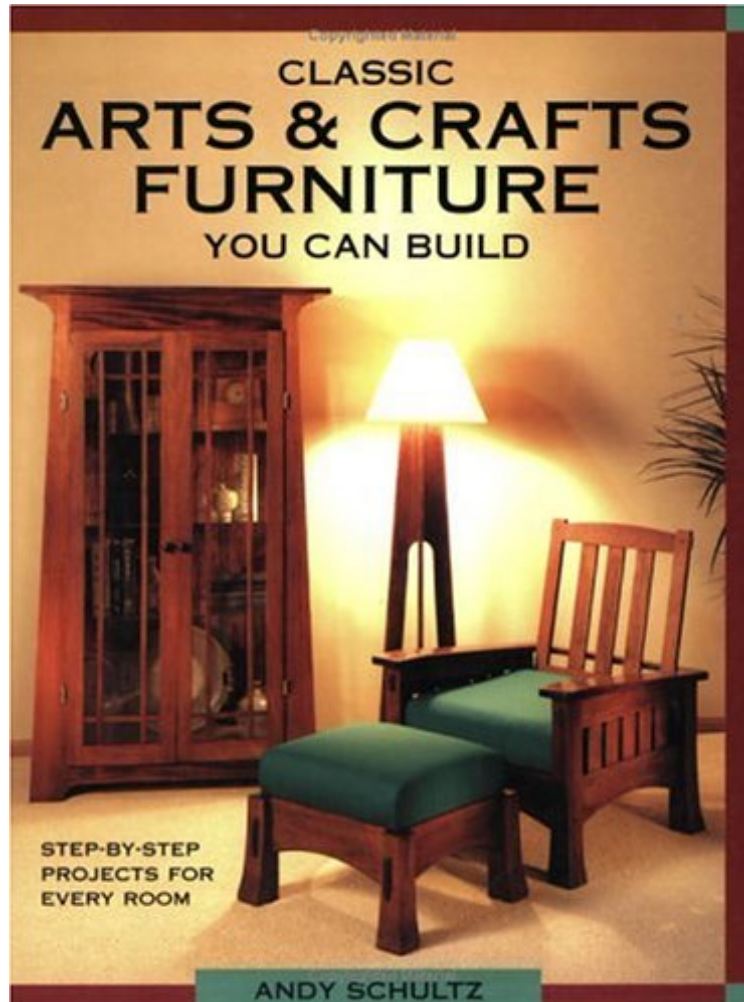


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Andy Schultz : Classic Arts Crafts Furniture You Can Build before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Classic Arts Crafts Furniture You Can Build:

26 of 28 people found the following review helpful. This guy ruins his work with cheap shortcutsBy paul_lNote: I just got this book, and haven't built anything from it. I never actually build from plans, but use books for general ideas and technique. My main problem with the book is that the author seems to build a good, basic piece of furniture, but get's lazy in the home stretch and ruins the final product with cheap hardware. The most glaring example of this is in the china cabinet (see page 70) and serving table (see page 67). No joke, in the photo on page 67 you see the extended drawer showing those cheap, white-painted, tacked-on drawer slides. On the china cabinet, the doors are single panes of glass with wood sticks glued on the exterior side of the glass (not even any wood on the interior side of the glass!). With the door open, you see the glued on sticks, and the glass is held in with white plastic fasteners. The glass shelves

in the cabinet use those cheap metal shelf supports that hook into slotted metal support strips. Those supports are for cheap wall shelving, not a home furniture project of many, many hours! Now, I don't care if someone does this in their furniture, but I wouldn't buy stuff built like that in a store, and I certainly don't want that in a book on building Arts and Crafts furniture. I'm hardly the type to get hung up on doing everything authentic to a particular style, that's not my point. What I don't like is that the short-cuts are taken in a how-to book on "Class Arts and Crafts". So, I don't learn the technique to making real drawer slides, I don't learn the technique for doing nice paned doors, etc. Another example is that he uses plywood for the panels in the dresser. That may be an option, but, again, I don't get tips and instruction on building to accommodate for the natural expansion and contraction of wood. I found the book next to useless. If I had been able to flip through the book before buying it, I would never have bought it. I bought another book on Arts and Crafts: "Authentic Arts and Crafts Furniture Projects" that seems much better. That one includes several projects in the Greene Greene style, which are not often seen. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is a bad book By M Khan It is a bad book. Period. The reasons for being a bad book are as follows: The cutting lists are wrong. The size and proportions of the drawing are totally off. I must say that the designs are good, but it does not mean that you can follow the 'steps' and build a project. The author takes short cuts which do not help the builder in a step wise fashion. May be this book is for experts, but still, the proportions and steps are all wrong. In my opinion, the author must have been high on drugs or alcohol while writing this book. Very careless product. I am glad I bought a used copy, so did not have to spend a lot of money. If you still want to go ahead and buy this book, or you happen to be an accomplished woodworker, then buy the book but consider you are on your own. The designs are good but you have to figure out the dimensions and steps. In all honesty the book is worth the nice designs. I built a beautiful table lamp from this book. I was not able to figure out the cuts and angles. So I devised my own and made a nice table lamp. I wanted to throw this book in the garbage, but I will keep it, for designs sake ! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. lovely book By Customer This book is a helpful resource for those who are at least intermediate woodworkers. Nice, simple, basic furniture and good instructions-- but it assumes a certain knowledge base that a true beginner does not possess. excellent photos as well.

A guide for woodworkers to build chairs, tables, dressers, china closets, lamps, secretaries and more - in the Arts Crafts style.