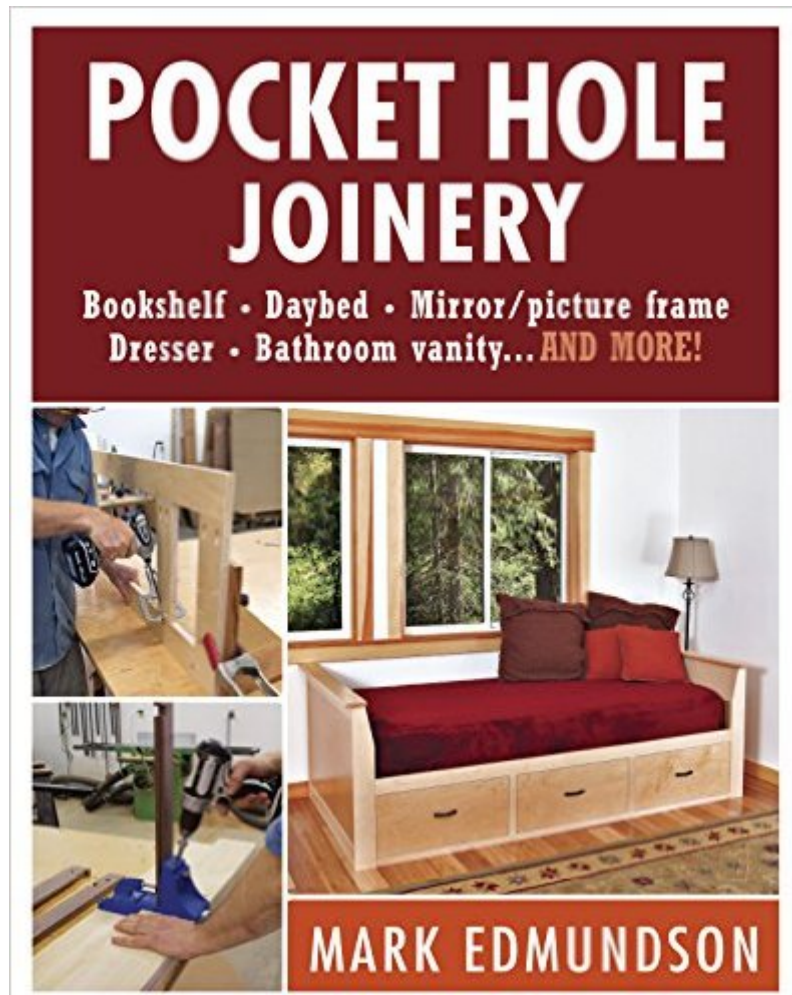


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# Pocket Hole Joinery



## Synopsis

A quick and easy way to do more woodworking. Pocket hole joinery techniques simplify woodworking. For beginners and master craftsmen, the pocket hole joiner has become a favorite woodworking technique because it is easy to master and the tooling guarantees a strong joint every time. **Pocket Hole Joinery** is a must-read for beginner woodworkers and DIYers. Learn to use pocket hole joinery with step-by-step instructions and over 275 photographs and illustrations. And, you will also learn how to quickly and easily build durable cabinets and furniture. Learn from an expert! Author Mark Edmundson trained at the renowned College of the Redwoods Fine Woodworking Program. He is a teacher in Sandpoint, Idaho, and has been building furniture and cabinets professionally since 1998. As an educator, Edmundson understands the importance of mastering the basics. So before you dive into the projects, you begin with a solid understanding of pocket hole joinery: No expensive machinery is required! Pocket hole basics – how screws work, why they hold so well and what’s needed to drill holes. How to select the right jig for the job. Use pocket screws with dowels and biscuits. Properly clamp – it’s the most important part of the assembly. **Great projects at your fingertips.** **Pocket Hole Joinery** offers a complete course in pocket hole joinery. After you’ve learned the basics you will impress your friends and family by creating: Cabinet based projects – box, face frame, and cabinet base. Furniture projects – window seat, dresser, bed, pedestal table, end table with shelf, and bookcase/storage unit. Small projects – picture frame/mirror, edge-banding, shop jigs, and project mock-ups.

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## Customer Reviews

I wanted to see a book with examples of furniture using 100% pocket holes or as close to it as possible, some of the furniture plans use biscuit and dowel joinery with pocket holes. It's not wrong to use the forms of joinery but I wanted to learn tricks and tips by limiting your self to just pocket holes joinery. Instead of the biscuits and dowels, I would see projects that use the table saw (circular) , maybe a router, and pocket hole for every project. This book requires you to buy 2 new tools, a biscuit joiner and dowel jig to complete the projects.

I love this book! I have used pocket joinery in a few rare occasions on projects in the past few years, but Marks knowledge of the adaptive uses of this clever joint have opened my eyes to a whole new field of possibilities. I have now re-tooled my plans for a kitchen coffee bar to mimic the Oak Dresser that he describes in Chapter 9 - it will save me so much work, still be plenty strong, and show off the nice veneers as they should be. Careful writing, accurate photography, and the desired amount of experienced sidebar wisdom, make this book easy to follow and reproducible to all levels of dedicated woodworkers. I particularly enjoy reading about the heavy use of pre-finishing the individual pieces of a project before a glue-up. I do this as well, and find the results outweigh the extra steps. There is an occasional reference to hand planes, stepped reveals, and choice of finishes that helps so much in rounding out a careful approach to this style of fine woodworking. The pocket hole joint, I believe, has been long overlooked by fine cabinetmakers, and it is wonderful to see this modern technique showcased here. I do appreciate the Krenovian style of Marks work (I have always envied anyone that studied under this cabinet maker) and feel that his results retain the desired simple lines and sense of function that allows the precious milled wood to live a quality second life.

While there is nothing wrong with this book, I was shopping more for a book that discussed technique and methods more than one that gave me a bunch of ideas for projects. The first chapter or few pages is devoted to a few basics and the rest is simply a project book. Maybe the problem is that I am more advanced than what the book addresses and have more than enough of my own projects. At any rate, it's going back to .

This is a great introduction to pocket hole joinery. I especially liked that the author spoke about the

downsides to this type of joinery (which are mostly avoidable). The book includes some nice projects which highlight the types of things that can be done with pocket holes.

Whether you are a professional woodworker or a hobbyist, this book is for you. I happen to be in the hobbyist category and can't wait to do some of the projects listed with my father in law, eventually completing every single one. Very well written with clear instructions and illustrations. I highly recommend.

This book was written, apparently, for a person with more than a beginner's knowledge of pocket hole joinery. For a novice such as I, it really needs to be written on a beginner's level. The overall quality of the publication was outstanding, with excellent graphics, but I don't envision my attempts at using this device as being successful, at least not in the near future. But, I will keep trying to learn.

With Mark's pocket hole joinery book it is easy to create quality craftsman style furniture. It is versatile in that beginners can follow his step by step instructions and intermediates can work off of and modify these beautiful projects as they wish. This book is loaded with tips that can be applied to better your woodworking skill in general and help you to work smarter instead of harder. Thanks Mark!

I did not read the description well so it was not the product I expected. I sent it back. It would be a useful and informative book for novice. Jerry

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