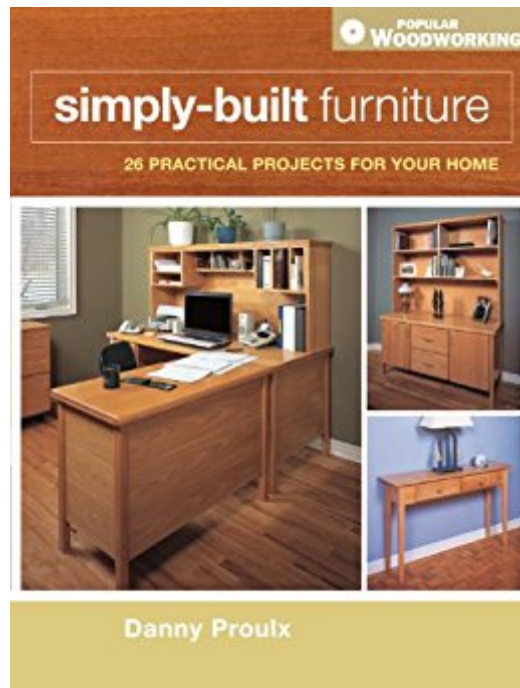


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# Simply-Built Furniture (Popular Woodworking)



## Synopsis

Keep it simple, keep it basic, keep it fun! Simply-Built Furniture is part of Danny Proulx's legacy to the woodworking world. He showed us that furniture doesn't have to be ornate or highly decorated to achieve a "timeless" status. Sometimes simple is best. Simple lines and simple joinery. This collection brings together special projects from Proulx's 16 books; most of which are now out of print; with pieces such as a rustic pine chest of drawers, a bed with built-in storage, a window seat, a contemporary display cabinet, a tall bookcase, an armoire work center, a writing desk, a memorabilia sideboard, and more. Both beginning and experienced woodworkers will appreciate Proulx's no-nonsense approach to woodworking and his easy style of teaching, as well as the minimal time and materials needed to create these beautiful projects that are more than a just another piece of furniture for your homes. The projects in this book will fit in almost any design setting and won't become passe after a few years. And best of all, you can build this furniture with basic woodworking tools and easy-to-find materials. It's really very simple.

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## Customer Reviews

I have made some very good furniture from this book. I did not use the plans in detail since some of it was a bit complicated. Did however come up with a media center for the living room, a computer desk for my office and now I am working on a desk for my wife. This is a must have book if you are just getting into wood working or if you are a pro. If you are a beginner I would take a wood working safety class, it's worth every penny.

I found this book to go into really good detail, but for how to perform some of the cuts and jig setup it would say refer to chapters 1 or 2. This wouldn't be a problem except there are no chapters in the book only the plans. This left huge gaps in how to perform some of the complex jig setups or cuts.

This book is not up to the level of Danny's prior book on how to build cabinets. The projects are too simple and far too basic. The idea is good but needs to expand to the next level of challenge. Would love a how to by Dan Proulx taken to the next level on how to build all sorts of furniture on say the shaker style.

Didn't like the finish of the majority of the projects. Only like two or three of them. It's about the appearance...many of them look cheap because the material used. The procedures -changing the material used- might be useful.

This is one the best straight forward instructive, practical, furniture books I have ever seen. However, there are quite a bit of things you will need to buy in the way of wood working tools. The good news is that a person can accumulate these things as the opportunities come along. Many of the furniture projects can be made with basic tools such as a circular saw, clamps, and a good cordless drill. If you are into wood projects and can picture yourself investing a little time and money to make some beautiful, and practical projects, this book is valuable to you!

Clear, simple and concise instructions for building basic kitchen cabinets in engineered particleboard by someone who obviously has considerable experience in the trade. I feel that I could successfully build good quality cabinets based on the information provided No, this book is NOT for people who want do high - end custom cabinetry in solid hardwood, but as the title implies, that's NOT what this book is supposed to be about. The one area that is lacking is adequate coverage of finishes. The author uses white Melamine-covered material for each product and although he does mention plywood and solid wood, he doesn't go into much detail about how to finish those materials

if you choose them instead of the Melamine stuff. That information is available elsewhere, however, so that's not too much of a problem.

Well written and straight forward book. I am a complete beginner and I found this book very useful. In fact, I used it to build my very first woodworking project. Some of the steps are spelled out specifically, that is, they are implied but aren't explicit in the text. The only other critique is some projects refer to intermediate steps done in another 'chapter' that doesn't exist in this book. In neither of the above cases, however, did these errors or omissions keep me from being able to follow the text and complete my prototype for an eventual oak end table.

A nice book with some really great plans. Well put together. It says "Simply-Built" but some of the plans look a little above my skills. I am looking forward to building a couple of the pieces in this book.

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