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Guerilla Furniture Design: How To Build Lean, Modern Furniture With Salvaged Materials



Synopsis

Build stylish and functional furniture from salvaged materials. This innovative guide presents dozens of strategies for upcycling scrap cardboard, metal, plastic, or wood into dependable shelving units, sturdy tables, and fun lamps. With directions for 35 easy and inexpensive projects that include a Cardboard Cantilever Chair, a License Plate Bowl, a Conduit Coatrack, and much more, you'll be inspired to start filling your home with unique high-style furniture that makes sense for both your wallet and the environment.

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Customer Reviews

As someone who regularly reads project-based furniture building books, and as someone who's been building furniture from found and repurposed objects for about 15 years, I was excited to come across this book. It's really kind of a hybrid: part manual to furniture construction, and part project-based. Project-based books are pretty common in this area, and they tend to focus on how to make simple pieces of furniture: a lamp, table, chair, etc. The thing is that most furniture books that focus on found materials keep things very simple. So in many of those books you'll see how to make a coffee table from a pallet, or a bookshelf from some found wood. What's different about this book is that the projects really get into some woodworking. With that said, this is not about working in a shop with filtered air and ubiquitous power tools; it's about keeping this simple and getting some sawdust in your goatee. Many somewhat complicated chairs are featured in this book, for instance, and the author shows you how to make tables, an array of lamps, and so on. The aesthetic of the

furniture is certainly somewhat distressed, but the designs all gesture toward modern furniture -- so there are some clean lines and appreciation of minimalism. As you'll see on the cover and in many of my pictures, this is furniture that you could imagine having in your 2,000 square foot SoHo studio. It's furniture made from repurposed road signs, lit with bunches of jars recomposed into a lamp, and so on. Now, with all that said, I do have a few small problems with this book that are worth mentioning. I certainly like the book overall, but these small things stood out to me. First of all, some of the designs seem quite flawed to me.

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