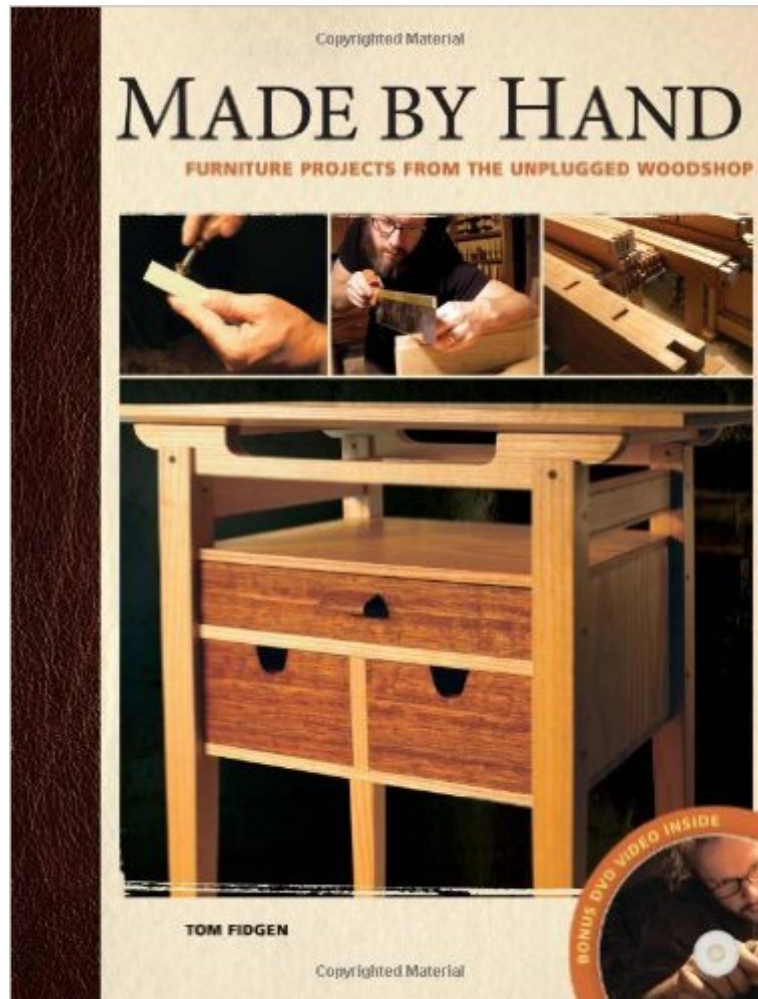


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# Made By Hand: Furniture Projects From The Unplugged Woodshop



## Synopsis

Learn the simplicity of using hand tools, while you build! Traditional woodworking using hand tools can offer a more satisfying relationship with the wood and the creative woodworking process. It's quieter, cleaner and maybe even a little spiritual. It's no surprise that many "plugged-in" woodworkers are returning to the roots of this treasured skill. Where some hand-tool books focus solely on the use of hand tools, *Made By Hand* takes you right to the bench and shows you how to start building furniture using these tools. By working through the six projects in this book, you'll learn the basics of hand-tool woodworking and how to use the tools effectively and efficiently, then add joinery skills and design complexity. The accompanying DVD includes valuable insight into the tools themselves and a look at the techniques that make these tools work so well. If you're interested in hand tools, start here!

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There has been an unfortunate gap in the literature on hand-tool woodworking. On the one hand, books and DVDs from authors like Garrett Hack, David Charlesworth, Chris Schwarz and Rob Cosman can give you a solid foundation in hand-tool techniques. On the other hand, there are countless articles in magazines like *Fine Woodworking* and *Popular Woodworking* describing the construction of particular projects; however, these usually rely heavily on power-tool methods. The hand-tool woodworker has to translate these instructions into the vocabulary of techniques available to him. This might be second nature to an experienced woodworker, but it can be quite intimidating

for beginners. So, a book that focusses on specific projects rather than general techniques is a welcome addition to the hand-tool library. Viewed in this context, this is a great book. The projects are all quite beautiful; Fidgen is a gifted designer. They're also quite different from each other, so by working through all of them, you'll receive a fairly thorough grounding in both the forms (tables, cabinets, chests) and methods (drawers and doors, dovetailed carcasses, frame-and-panel joinery) of traditional cabinetmaking. The book is also quite inspiring. It won't be joining the pantheon of great woodworking manifestos (see Krenov, Nakashima, Pye), but just glancing through the pages full of beautiful photographs (all of them showing top-notch workmanship) is sure to spark your enthusiasm. I do have several complaints. As a writer, Fidgen is very much a product of the internet age. Defenders of the English language, who expect things like proper punctuation and complete sentences, can expect frequent irritation.

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