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Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture: 20 Step-by-Step Projects Anyone Can Build





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Selected as a Gardens Illustrated Recommended ReadHand-Built Outdoor Furniture covers twenty step-by-step, fully illustrated projects with hundreds of clear and easy-to-follow photographs. Finished pieces include simple items include a trellis, a flower box, and a plant stand and more complicated projects include a chaise lounge, a sectional with built-in storage, and a slat bench. Katie Jackson's projects are simple, clean, and timeless and work well within a wide variety of styles. Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture is the perfect primer for people new to woodworking, DIYers, and homeowners looking for a simple and affordable to decorate their space.

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Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture lives up to its subtitle - these are projects anyone can make using only a few inexpensive tools. The book is beautifully laid out and very easy to follow. Photographs of the finished projects, steps, and tools/techniques make it a friendly and frustration-fee experience. The book isn't intended to create works of art; the pieces are basic but functional and made from materials found at all hardware stores (a mitre saw and cordless drill are the core tools). More importantly, the projects upon each other in difficulty and skills so that by the end project, readers will be comfortable with foundational woodworking techniques. The book breaks down as follows: Part 1 thoroughly discusses the basics of woodworking tools and machines as well as construction techniques. Part 2 gives step by step directions for each project. The projects include: shaker

pegboard shelves, garden swing, trellis, plant shelf, stair box planter, two board bench, flower box, bird house, nautical themed end table, potting bench, rolling coffee table, sectional furniture with storage/lounger, slat bench, bistro table, torchiere, international orange chair, sectional furniture with storage: chair, chaise longue, sectional furniture with storage: ottoman, and an obelisk. As noted earlier, the projects are organized by difficulty. After the first 3-4 items are built, readers can then cherry pick through the rest of the book, with an idea of the difficulty depending on how far into the later projects they go. Although instructions for a wide range of woodworking machines are given, the emphasis is not on huge machine investments. There are some very lovely projects in the book. The slat bench and storage ottomans are particularly nice.

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