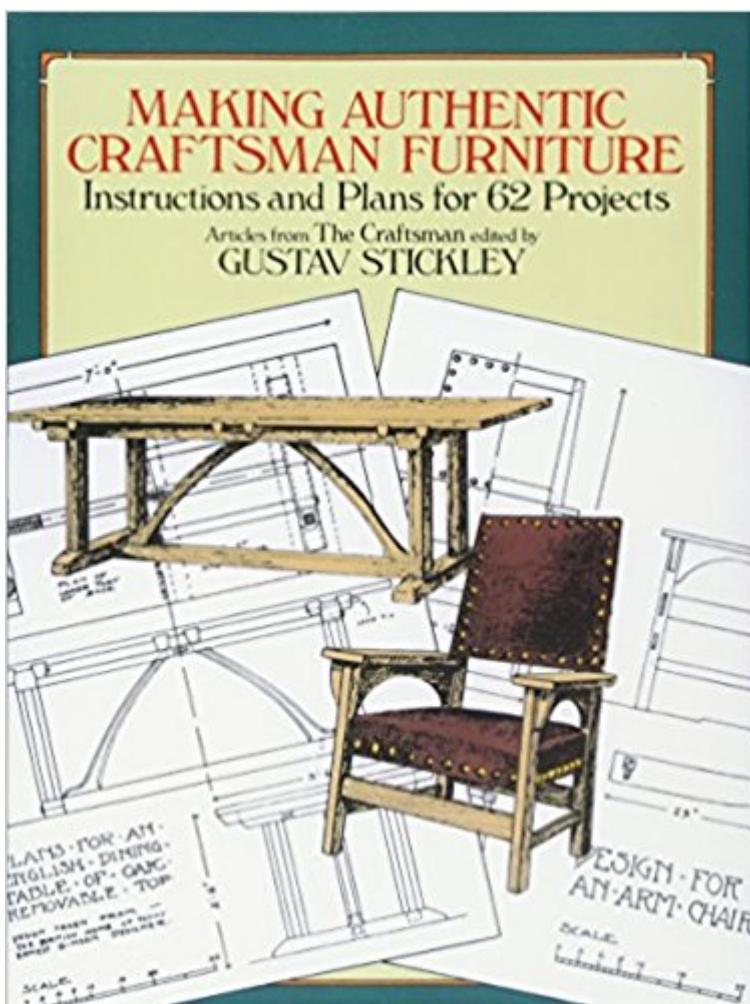


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# Making Authentic Craftsman Furniture: Instructions And Plans For 62 Projects (Dover Woodworking)



## Synopsis

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Furniture maker and architect Gustav Stickley (1858–1942) was a leading spokesman for the American Craftsman movement, a design trend descended directly from the British Arts and Crafts movement.

Important Update - Feb 2013. Recently finished the Morris Chair shown above. Be aware that the measurements ARE INCORRECT for the leg posts cut list. To make the chair look like the illustration (with the arms proportionally higher), add four inches (4") to the post heights. The book shows 19" to the underside of arm which IMHO is wrong, should be 23" Unfortunately my friend and I cut pieces for three chairs from some 1970s used teak from a Kodak plant. So, I docked one star for that error. I bought this book in 2004 and only just used it to make the Morris chair shown above.

You definitely need to be an intermediate woodworker to take the raw plans and cut lists from it and build a piece of furniture. From my perspective, to have a catalog of authentic Gustav Stickley plans is invaluable. Nick D. Benson  
The National Center for Craftsmanship  
Fort Collins, CO

Interesting read, but not something I feel like I could actually use for wood working projects though due to the historical "lingo" used but not explained.

This is a great book. No, it's not a detailed set of instructions, it's not supposed to be.

good info book for ideas and such a good addition to other books I have

Not as many pieces described as I anticipated.

Enjoying this very much

A useful reference and source of ideas, and worth the money paid for it for this alone, but not the complete detailed plans I was looking for. .

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