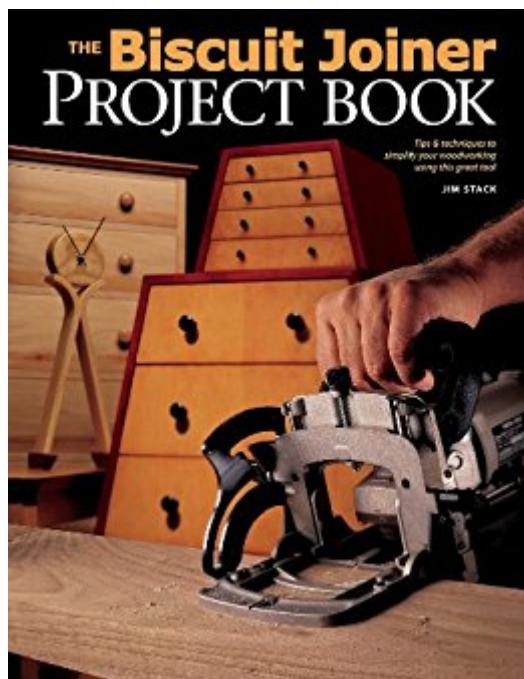


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Biscuit Joiner Project Book: Tips & Techniques To Simplify Your Woodworking Using This Great Tool



Synopsis

Building furniture just got easier! If you're like most woodworkers, you're always looking for ways to save time. One of the best tools to deliver on that promise is the biscuit joiner. You may have heard that using biscuits, those little compressed wafers of wood, is a form of cheating. But it's not. Biscuits make strong joints and get the job done fast. Try any one of the attractive projects inside and you'll be amazed at how quick, easy and effective the joint-making process becomes. These 12 projects offer something for everyone, from a build-in-a-weekend cupboard to a white oak bookcase and an elegant tapered dresser. Best of all, many of the pieces have been adapted from traditional designs so you can make your favorite style of furniture with fewer hassles. Veteran cabinetmaker Jim Stack starts with the basics, and also includes dozens of additional tips on how to assure safe and accurate cuts, modify a design to fit your taste, correct mistakes and make the most of this versatile tool. Start this weekend! The biscuit joiner will reward you with great furniture - minus all the fuss.

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Customer Reviews

I bought Hugh Foster's "Biscuit Joiner Handbook" at a firesale at the local bookshop and read it from start to end. Foster's book is about the biscuit joiner as a machine, how it operates, and outlines the different kinds of joints one can create. Next, I bought Jim Stack's book and I was pleased because it has lots of project examples that showed me where and how, in many different types of wooden furniture construction, I could apply biscuit joinery. This is the kind of information Hugh Foster's book does not have. As a result, I was able to pick up a Furniture & Cabinetmaking magazine, look at a project for a blanket chest that had 20+ mortise and tenon joints, and figure out how to replace those joints with biscuit joints! The other benefits from the book were the good, sharp photographs; Hugh Foster's book has black and white photographs that are murky and indistinct and I had trouble distinguishing the workbench, the wood and the tool in lots of the photos! I did not give Jim Stack's book higher stars because there are a few subediting mistakes (e.g. wrong project and steps used in cross references - it's annoying to be directed to project "x" to see how to do something when project "x" does not show this), I think it lacks an end-to-end example of how to make a panel door using biscuits and the (to me) dangerous examples of the use of circular saws (no riving attachment, no cover over the blade, fingers awfully close to the moving blade) and the jointer (fingers too close to the moving blades). I would have found the last acceptable if there had been a notice at the front saying the riving attachment and cover had been removed temporarily to make the pictures clearer. Lastly, a suggestion for the next edition.

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