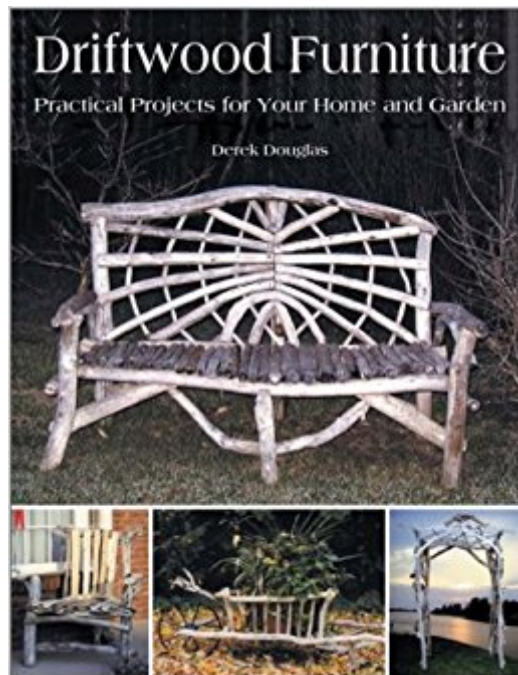




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# Driftwood Furniture: Practical Projects For Your Home And Garden



## Synopsis

From the beach to the backyard. Driftwood is an ideal building material. It is abundant, renewable and (best of all) free. It is easy to work with, does not require complicated tools and the results are guaranteed to be unique since no two pieces of driftwood are the same. Using driftwood adds to the rustic setting of any garden or patio. Because of the natural process that creates driftwood, it requires no finishes and it is naturally waterproof and bug-free. Author Derek Douglas shows how to construct beautiful and useful chairs, tables, benches, arbors, and decorative objects. Nineteen projects are featured that will appeal to novice and experienced woodworkers alike. The book explains the entire process of creating a driftwood item from how to choose and store driftwood to design tips and the final construction. The necessary materials and tools are fully listed and most are found in the average toolbox. Each clearly illustrated project in Driftwood Furniture is fully explained with valuable tips and practical advice. The results are fun, whimsical and durable. Projects include: Adirondack chair Sleigh planter Boat planter 3-legged and 4-legged chair Tricycle planter Hanging flower pot holder Hooded chair (20030816)

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Douglas' detailed drawings, large color photos and friendly prose make his book a delight. (Kathleen Grant Geib Ang Newspapers [California] 20040103)An easy to follow guide to a furniture making hobby... a quick read full of helpful hints and excitement. (Joan Sandberg Independently Reviewed

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5 years ago, at the age of 65, when most people settle down to armchair activities and start deciding where their bones will be laid to rest or their ashes sprinkled, I discovered driftwood. My venture into creating garden furniture and sculptures began on the shores of Lake Huron. I found an abundance of beautiful driftwood, shaped in all configurations that immediately stirred my imagination. I have always been interested in art and have indulged in painting, sculpting, woodworking, marquetry, drawing etc., with some degree of success. However, now, with this new discovery of a latent talent in me to transform driftwood into pieces that everyone finds attractive, I am experiencing an excitement level that I have never quite reached with all my previous endeavours. Many people, when looking and admiring some of my creations would try to convince me to sell the pieces and they kept saying "I wouldn't know where to start." Voila! The idea was born to maybe write a book and tell them how to start and finish all my projects. I carefully selected pieces that rated from very simple to more challenging and wrote some "How To" chapters. Digital pictures were taken during each stage in a lovely setting on the banks of the Maitland River in Goderich and then I presented them to Firefly Books. Two and a half years later my book became a reality and here I am in an adventure beyond words. Derek Douglas (200404)

nice - but too few projects - those that are included had good directions and pictures

Gave this to a friend retiring to her beach house who intends to get in touch with her crafty side, and who has a hard time sitting still. Since she also loves driftwood, this book was a hit. I was surprised that it gave such specific instructions for specific projects, but it does say, "practical projects" in the title! Even though she may not follow the actual instructions for the furniture pieces, it will provide a basis for how to approach projects and great inspiration for new creations.

This is a truly wonderful book. The author is very interesting and detailed. You can really build the furniture that is shown in this book. He has short enlightening stories about his experiences. I loved this book. It is even very encouraging. I am so glad I have purchased such a wonderful treasure!

my father in law collects driftwood from lake superior and already makes stuff so this will give him more ideas!

A "must" book in a wood's man's library - a well balanced presentation of the craft - also fun book to read and dream.

It has some good ideas. A lot of guided steps. We got it just for the ideas, looking forward to trying several things this summer.

Love the book - I live near several rivers and love the look of driftwood anyway. This will inspire me the whole summer.

If this is your first "rustic furniture" book, you'll do fine with this book. If you have ready access to lots of driftwood and want to play, this is a good book to start with. If you like or can use lots of garden ornaments (different kinds of planters, essentially), there are a lot of ideas and plans in this book. If you already own everything Daniel Mack has published, or if you already own a 2" tenon cutter, you won't find anything new in Driftwood Furniture. Note: the author harvests wood from Lake Huron, which suggests his locale has a VERY different insect profile from mine (central NC, where termites and other wood-eating insects DO NOT DIE in the winter). YMMV. I think the book could have made a stronger point about researching the ownership and harvest-ability of driftwood. I believe the State of Washington claims all of the driftwood that washes up in the Puget Sound; I know the US Army Corps of Engineers requires a permit to take wood out of Jordan Lake, and probably any other lake they built/control. Make sure you know the law as it applies to your source. The book that I received

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