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Even seemingly complex furniture is really no more difficult to build than the component parts that go into it. Find out how to break a piece of furniture down into its parts -- the carcass, face frame, doors, drawers, base frame, drawer support frame, and bracket feet -- build them, and then assemble them into a finished project. See how each element contributes to the whole, and apply the techniques and ideas used to build any project "from the inside out". Photos, drawings, and diagrams illustrate every aspect of this innovative approach. For each "building block", various ways of constructing it are presented, including both machine- and hand-worked methods. In addition to a bookcase project, instructions are also included for building a tool chest, a workbench, a router table, and a variety of shop aids. Once

the basic elements are recognized and their construction is understood, any piece of furniture can be built with confidence.

Engineer Lawrence believes that by understanding how to create the parts of a furniture project one can then assemble any other project. He dissects an ornate bookcase to show how to make these components, using both hand and power tools. The illustrations are excellent and helpful. Lawrence also provides plans for a tool chest, workbench, router table, a variety of jigs, and the bookcase used to illustrate the different techniques. The obligatory tool buying workshop section is short and well written. An interesting departure from the usual "chock full of plans" woodworking book that should encourage creativity; recommended for all public libraries that serve woodworkers. -- Jonathan N. Hershey, Akron-Summit Cty. P.L., Ohio

From the Back Cover

Even the most seemingly complex piece of furniture is really no more difficult to build than the component parts that go into it. Find out how to break a piece of furniture down into its component parts, build them, and then assemble them into a finished project. By examining the construction of a bookcase, you'll see how each element contributes to the whole, and be able to apply the techniques and ideas used to build any project "from the inside out". Photos, drawings, and diagrams illustrate every aspect of this innovative approach. For each "building block", various ways of constructing it are presented, including both machine- and hand-worked methods. Discussions of necessary tools and safety measures will prove invaluable to beginning woodworkers. In addition to the bookcase project, instructions are also included for building a tool chest, a workbench, a router table, and a variety of shop aids. Once the basic elements are recognized and their construction understood, any piece of furniture can be built with confidence - from the inside out.

About the Author

After many years as an engineer in the aerospace industry and as Senior engineer at a major national laboratory the author decided it was time to apply his engineering expertise to his hobby. After reading stacks of books on woodworking, he came to the conclusion that something was missing. Having built several pieces of furniture Jim decided to write about applying project planning principles and emphasizing the importance of understanding how the details of a project result in success.