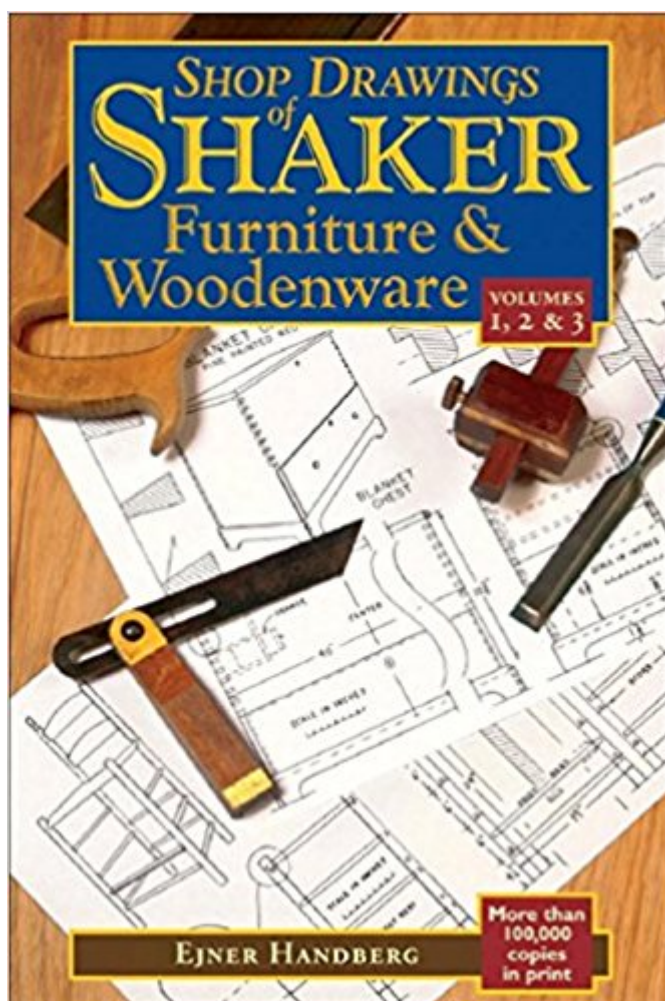


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Ejner Handberg (1902-1985) was born in Denmark, emigrated to America, and was a cabinetmaker in Stockbridge, Massachusetts for many years, where he helped design and build Norman Rockwell's studio. He is deceased.

Ejner Handberg's series of Shaker books (this one incorporates three vols in one version) are exceptional for the number of pieces carefully reproduced from actual Shaker furniture. If you want accurate line drawings carefully reproduced from original Shaker pieces, these books are outstanding. If you need construction details or step-by-step instructions, these books may not be the best stand alone books for you. You would be wise to look at a preview of this book to look at the drawings in order know what you're getting, but don't underestimate just how incredibly useful

Handberg's Shaker furniture drawings are. All of the drawings are to an exact scale and show the most important details. I personally keep an architectural rule handy while looking at Handberg's books. The architectural rule is helpful to pull measurements from the drawings since not every dimension is provided. It's amazing how accurate these drawings are reproduced. The dimensions of some of the chairs etc. are very clearly drawn down to smaller fractions of an inch. I strongly suggest you use an architectural rule if you plan to maximize the utility of this book. It's really a necessity and will make the book all the more useable and enjoyable. A couple (very few of them) of the drawings have lines that are a little weak from the reproduction. I know there was a fourth book of shaker furniture by Ejner Handberg and the weaker drawings are much better in that book. This is a must have book if you want to study or reproduce authentic Shaker furniture.

This book contains a wealth of designs than can be used as is but the designs can also serve as basis for new designs. I am very pleased with it.

From plain to complex - furniture for all. Easy to read, lots of hints and detail drawings of joinery included. A brief note on species of woods used, Often includes finishes on the originals. Hardback binding, handy size, stiff binding precludes laying flat on the scanner for shop copies. Keep your protractor or bevel gauge handy for measuring angles on chairs and benches. john (:>))

A very good reference, priced right, and arrived quickly. Good buy!

I am replacing my library of woodworking books that I gave away to my children and friends. As I near retirement I want to take up the production of Shaker furniture as my life's work. This book was helpful in the past and I know it will help me on my way to a new career of furniture building.

Lots of drawings but some essential dimensions are missing making it hard to do a true shaker reproduction, great for someone starting on the Shaker style.

The second book that was borrowed and not returned. He must have thought it was as good as I did.

I bought this book because of a recommendation from Roy Underhill (unfortunately from his show - not personally). I do plan to build some of the furniture shown in the book and the plans,

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