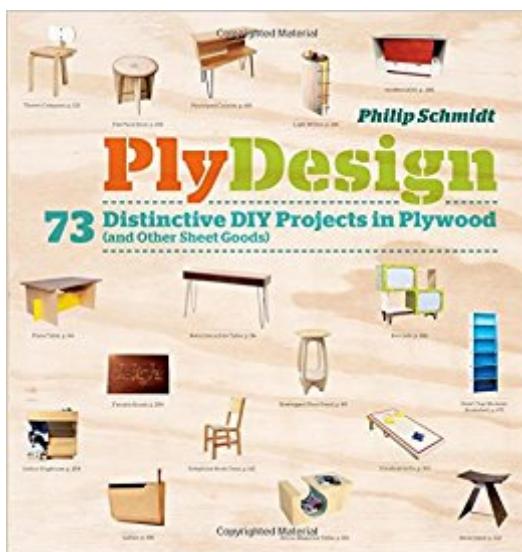


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# PlyDesign: 73 Distinctive DIY Projects In Plywood (and Other Sheet Goods)



## Synopsis

Make sleek and functional home furnishings from inexpensive plywood and other off-the-shelf materials using only basic hand and power tools. This unique building guide offers 73 innovative ideas for using plywood to make everything from desks and workstations to children's playhouses. Projects for every need and skill level are presented with clear assembly diagrams, step-by-step instructions, and photos of the finished product. Discover the simplistic beauty plywood can bring to your next project and take pride in making your own handmade furniture.

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## Customer Reviews

“PlyDesign is how-to heaven.” “A great place to start for independent creators desiring to dive into the plywood world.” (Wisconsin State Journal) “The designs are modern and stylish and the tutorials with great patterns make them completely do-able.” (Make magazine) “There’s a lot to love. Besides the sheer variety (wine holders, credenzas, desks, chairs, organizers, headboards, doghouses, art panels) of projects, I especially love the introduction to the materials and tools.” “PlyDesign offers all sorts of ideas for way-cool things to make from common sheet goods.” “Schmidt has written 73 well-described projects with a mid-century modern vibe. From lap desks to tea tables, and headboards to doghouses, there are enough projects here to fill your home with useful and attractive furniture.”

Strength, Flexibility, Uniformity & BeautyPlywood--that versatile blend of nature and engineering--is easy to work with, inexpensive, and good-looking. Get to know its great qualities as you explore 73 projects contributed by design professionals and enthusiasts who love building with plywood. Among the PlyDesigns, you'll find sleek furniture for every room (including several knock-down pieces for those really tight spaces), simple toys and games, and even whitewashed paneling, a great alternative to drywall. There's something for every taste, need, and skill level!

PlyDesign is an excellent collection of designs that span a number of applications and aesthetics. There appears to be a larger portion of designs based on mid century modern styles, which might not be to some people's taste. Regardless of your preferences, or positive responses to any of the included designs, there's an element in each of them that is a useful reference for your own work. I don't look at this as a carpentry recipe book, but more of an idea book with practical steps. There aren't a lot of books out there that help you to make something a little more refined when using common materials as an amateur with hopes of making something more than a box.

I really like a lot of these projects. Some seem a little silly or uninteresting (to me), but I love working with plywood, so this book is inspiring whether I love a particular project or not. If you like building with plywood, I would recommend this book. There's a pretty wide variety of styles...some more minimalist and some a little more elaborate. Clean lines; nothing too overdone.

I was hoping for more from this book. A lot of the designs are too simple.

I have decided to build as much of the furniture for my new city loft as possible. I, and this book has been the most helpful. The first chapters of the book give you all the background information you will need about working with plywood, tools and techniques. The rest of the book is a list of projects, each with cut lists and plans, as well as instructions. The plans are adaptable and many serve as great jumping off points for custom designs. I have found this to be the most helpful book on diy furniture, especially plywood based furniture, that I have found on .

A few practical ideas that are easy to do for the average wood worker. The work station and storage cabinets are great for any home improvement projects.

Do you like plywood? If you read this book and make some of its designs, you will. Very creative uses of plywood.

This book is OK. It has a few creative designs but none inspired me. The first several pages were probably the most useful describing how to use, buy, cut, and assemble plywood.

This book opens your eyes to not only fun, but practical projects for your small school! My wife even wanted a couple of them for the house.

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