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this is a great book. I really like the book but I had to accept that there are virtually no dimensions given for almost all of the "projects" in this book. I'm not talking about missing dimensions or inaccurate dimensions; I mean they aren't there at all. American furniture of the 18th Century by Jeffery P. Greene is a book I really enjoy even though it just has furniture photos/diagrams with the overall dimensions. Greene's book is much more academic and it doesn't even begin to suggest it is for "projects" that you can build. When it comes to projects, Mr. Hambucken's book is probably more suitable for a more advanced woodworker that has a good grasp of design, proportion and technique. Someone well versed at producing their own plans and cut lists but interested in some design ideas or concepts. As another reviewer said, not a "stand alone" book of projects but an excellent companion to other books on this type of furniture. I like this book enough that I would replace my copy if something happened to it. I think Mr. Hambucken's has an excellent eye for what works along with superior execution and he has created several pieces that I like and would have in my home. In some cases those pieces have already been pictured in other books but his execution is different and to my taste significantly better. On the plus side, since receiving his book I've been able to locate scaled drawings in other books for some of the items in Mr. Hambucken's book. I think with those dimensions and Mr. Hambucken's ideas on finish etc. that I will be able to build these pieces without too much trouble. Otherwise, I would probably not have taken the time to scale these items or create plans for them. UPDATE: Dec 2014 When I first reviewed this book I mentioned that I liked the book and that I would replace it if something happened to it. Well, I did have to replace it and I still like the book. It's a well done book and a bit of a visual feast with a smorgasbord of information. The book is highly illustrated with large color photos and diagrams of construction details and techniques combined with creative and some well-done finishing ideas. While I personally prefer books that are not printed in China (this one is) I do appreciate the excellent glossy and thick pages that are loaded with color illustrations. The color rendition is good. The author offers a paragraph of explanation on why he doesn't include dimensions (because he doesn't like to measure, it's not traditional and your board may be the wrong size anyway?) and diagrams, I think the author/publisher missed the mark with that concept because good design and proportion can be aided with clear dimensions and templates. This is still a very good book, and if you're like me you may even be willing to buy it twice. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Book for the novice or experienced woodworker By John Marshall I've been a hobby woodworker for over 20 years and I recently got turned onto Colonial Era pieces. This book is wonderful! Within hours of receiving it, I was in the shop building some of the jigs and building projects. This book would be great for the veteran woodworker or the novice with a desire to try some new things. The author gives some great ideas, but allows the reader/woodworker to be creative. Add this book to your workshop library!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By Linda Bretta Nice country projects if your a expert carpenter

22 original woodworking projects informed by new England country furniture from the 18th and 19th century. Project plans include: Two Salt Boxes, Seaman's Chest, Hanging Cupboard, Chest of Drawers, Two Corner Cupboards, and more! Each project is photographed in period homes, accompanied by historical notes and by fully illustrated step-by-step construction instructions. the book also includes articles on period hardware and finishes, on wood selection, and many other related topics.

About the Author Denis Hambucken is an advertising and design professional who combines his passions for design, photography, and New England to write books about woodworking, crafts, and history. A native of Belgium, Hambucken now lives in New Hampshire.