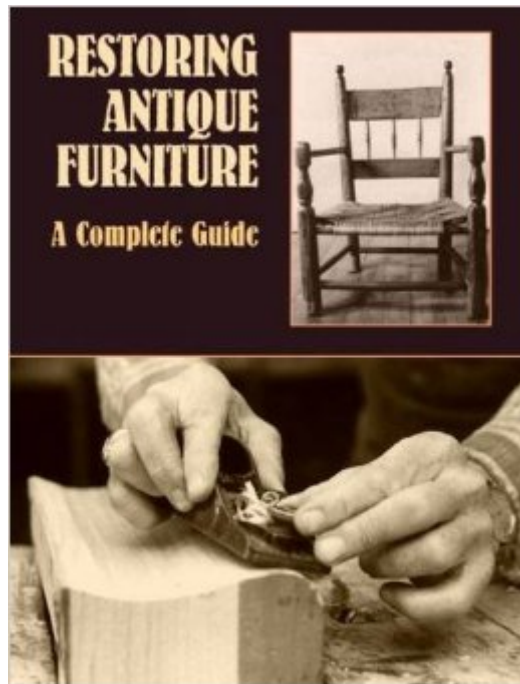


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# Restoring Antique Furniture: A Complete Guide (Dover Woodworking)



## Synopsis

If you're one of the many people who like to buy and restore antique furniture, then this is the book for you! Brimming with tips and advice from a skilled craftsman and teacher, this profusely illustrated woodworking guide will enable you to determine the age of an antique, assess its quality, and learn how to restore and preserve it effectively and profitably. Focusing on American furniture made between 1750 and 1850, the author explains how to repair construction joints, replace lost hardware, strengthen fractured parts, cover damaged areas, and much more. In addition, readers will find clear, step-by-step instructions for restoring an early rocker and chest of drawers, repairing a table leg, constructing a drawer using a dovetail joint, replacing the swing rail on a gateleg table, forming a molding, and more. Numerous examples, with over 250 illustrations and photographs, include such restored pieces of furniture as a Shaker tilt-top table, c. 1810; a cherry chest of drawers, c. 1800; an American Empire secretary, c. 1825; a primitive chest, c. 1840; and a country cupboard, c. 1850. Hobbyists, collectors, dealers, and woodworkers will find this excellent guide contains not only the clear, practical directions they need, but also indispensable advice on avoiding mistakes commonly made in the restoration process.

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When they say antiques, they mean antiques. Most of the furniture in this book is country style

antiques and I am not so interested in that type of furniture restoration. I have used the books to assist in the restoration of a couple of ladder back chairs.

I thought this book provided very good introduction to antique furniture repair techniques. Many scenarios of distressed furniture are provided. However, some of the repair methods presented in the book are very challenging and would take a very skillful craftsman to implement. I think this book would be an excellent source for identifying the type of repair that is needed but if you are a novice much, much more follow up research and practice would be required before you'd be able to make some of the more difficult repairs. This book would be a really good reference source if you have an antique piece and you would like to have it professionally repaired. It would give you a very good idea what would go into (and should go into) a professional repair job on antique furniture.

While this book shows what can be done with antiques, it has no detail, so one needs to be already experienced - then one does not need this book- or enjoy looking at what other people does, cause that's as far as it goes.

This is a great book for furniture restoration. Even had methods in it that I had never tried. Very informative and a great addition to any library on furniture refinishing and restoration!

Great book and easy to follow from amateur to expert. You need to buy this book! Couldn't do without it.

this is a great book on how to fix old furniture and do it right. I do not like having a word minimum.

Great book on restoring antique furniture, very well written.

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