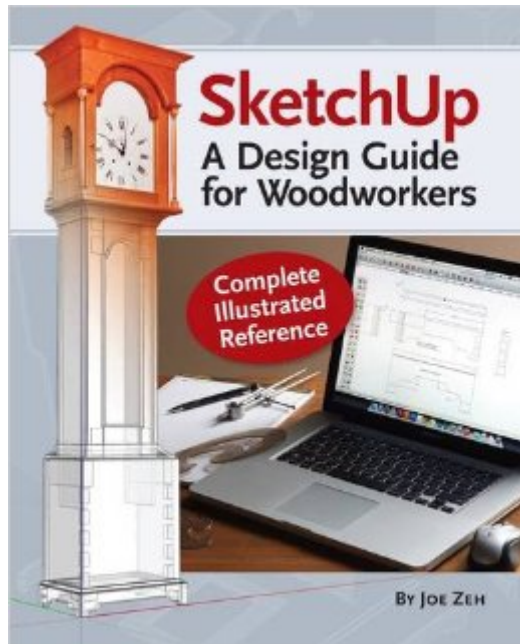# SketchUp – A Design Guide For Woodworkers: Complete Illustrated Reference

Synopsis

A SketchUp guide created specifically for woodworkers!SketchUp is a fantastic design tool for woodworkers. It can save you time, materials and money by letting you test your designs before you even make your first cut. But, as with any computer software, there is a learning curve.This comprehensive guide provides you with the specific advice that you need in order to use the program effectively. Created from a woodworkers perspective, SketchUp: A Design Guide for Woodworkers helps you create beautiful furniture designs and reduces chances of costly construction errors.Inside you'll find:Step-by-step instructions for installing and configuring the program to get the most functionality for your woodworking designsExplicit guidance to help you fully understand and use SketchUp's wide array of toolsHelpful directions for employing Ruby scripts that extend SketchUp's usefulness for designing furnitureSpecialized instruction for modelling the complex shapes necessary for furniture designIn-depth examples and exercisesMore than 600 detailed illustrations and screen capturesThere are plenty of SketchUp guides out there, but this one concentrates specifically on what you, as a woodworker, need to know. Let this guide help you learn how to get the most out of this versatile tool.

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This book is well calibrated for new SketchUp users of normal intelligence and is a great follow on to the four "Getting Started" videos posted on the SketchUp learning center website.Until recently

there have not been many good books on SketchUp, so I learned the program primarily from YouTube, but I sure wish I had this book four years ago when I started out. It would have saved hours of frustration. Mr. Zeh has written an outstanding guide to the program, giving the beginner and even more advanced users valuable advice on how to configure the workspace, and manage the workflow as well as how to draw.Mr. Zeh provides a brief introduction, and then, in chapter one, gives thorough instructions on how to download and install the program. He guides you through setting up the workspace and tool bars for efficient work. His instructions work with the free and the pro versions of SketchUp 2014, 2015, and 2016, so no worries about whether your software matches the book. This book is written for the Windows version, but the differences between it and the Mac version are slight, so no worries there either.Chapter 02 gives a concise explanation of most of the tools in SketchUp and is a section I keep bookmarked for reference. I've filled it with sticky notes and marginalia, but it is probably not a chapter you will read from beginning to end.Part 2 of the book contains 7 chapters that guide the reader through the drawing of a simple bedside table. Each chapter focuses on a different component of the table and each component is used as a vehicle for teaching more and better techniques, so that while you might have already discovered better and faster ways to perform a particular task, it makes sense to follow his instructions.

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