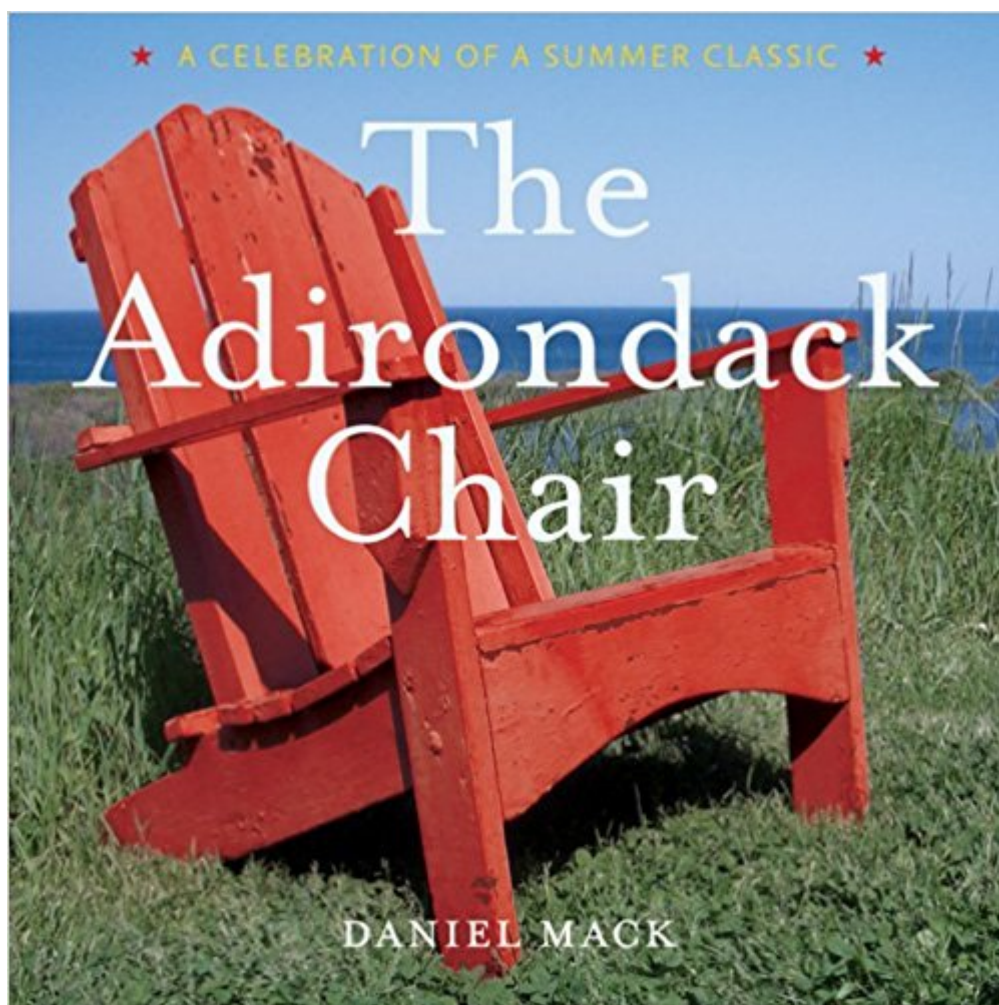


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The Adirondack Chair: A Celebration Of A Summer Classic



Synopsis

There's no competition. When it comes to the American Idyll, the hammock and the Adirondack chair are the shoe-in (and shoes-off!) winners. Built for lazing around in, they're the classic icons of a summer getaway. And they're both quintessentially American. The hammock, invented by the native inhabitants of the Caribbean, was discovered by Columbus on his first voyage to the New World. And the Adirondack chair, whose name evokes the mountain retreats for which it was originally fashioned, is deeply rooted in the American Arts & Crafts movement. In these charming books, furniture maker Daniel Mack captures the nostalgic, carefree, and oh-so-comfortable spirit of the hammock and Adirondack chair. Illustrated with scores of contemporary photographs and images from vintage memorabilia, *The Hammock* and *The Adirondack Chair* are also filled with history. And each contains instructions for hanging your own hammock or building your own chair. But really, these books are splendid gifts for Father's Day or as thank-you tokens for summer-weekend hosts; they're not about work. In fact, they're perfect for taking a little break with (while relaxing, of course, in a hammock or Adirondack chair).

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Customer Reviews

DANIEL MACK, an artist who specializes in simple, natural furniture, is the author of five books on rustic furniture and building. He lives in Warwick, New York.

I ordered this book because I LOVE the Adirondack Chair! When I was young (maybe 8 years old), my best friend next door had a large concrete patio where his mom had just purchased and strategically placed these large (barn yard red) Adirondack chairs. It was love at first sight. I just HAD to sit in one of THOSE unique chairs to "check it out". I was beaming! I recall immediately stating to my determined mind's dreamings that "I'm going to own one of these when I grow up!" They were the coolest things I had seen as far as chairs go. Who knew that a chair could give such a feeling back just from sitting in it?! This author knows! The book is a gem. It is poetry and musings on the history and style and family joys and life traditions that are all part of the experience that so many have had with this chair being a major player in it all. A fun book, and just a real kick for those of us who adore the Adirondack chair. I finally bought an Adirondack chair as a gift for myself many years ago - a quality white one - which I still use on a regular basis to read and sip my morning coffee and just meditate in my beach themed room (I grew up near the Jersey Shore). My brother in law makes these chairs from a pattern drawing his father found in the original home on their farm property which dates back about 100 years. That brother in law recently gave me one of his homemade Adirondack chairs for Christmas, and it is likely THE most used seat in my house - by guests, friends, relatives, and of course ME! It is just silly that a chair makes one FEEL so unique - this book delves into why this chair is such an iconic structure. I highly recommend this book to those who already like the chair, and for those who will, once they read this book!

I love all of the wonderful iterations of the Adirondack chair contained in this book. It is a wood working classic. I was however completely disappointed that this book did not include any plans for you to build your own, so if plans are what you are looking for this book is not for you. John Wilder is a former contractor

I knew from the cover---a photograph of a well-worn and weather Adirondack chair---that I was in for a treat, and the pages that followed confirmed that impression. Here is a superbly written and well photographed treatise on the ubiquitous Adirondack chair, that distinctly American style of chair that one cannot resist sitting in with a good novel and beverage. Through a combination of poetry, prose, anecdotes, and meticulous research, Daniel Mack elevates this rather pedestrian piece of furniture into a position of royalty, and does so with style and flair. For those readers who, like myself after reading this book, are so moved to build an Adirondack chair, Mr. Mack offers plans and step-by-step instructions. The advanced woodworker will find the wide variety of chair designs contained in this book positively inspiring; novice woodworkers will find the plans and easy to follow

step-by-step instructions particularly helpful. Even the casual reader will enjoy the rich historical perspective and outstanding photography.

Love the book. Shows various styles of chairs and their history

good coffee book for small area.

Got some ideas, but hoped to find more details on how to build the different chairs. Overall quite satisfied.

Very helpful book. I used it to build some chairs.

If you are looking to build a chair in search of plans then don't buy this book. It is good if you want a historical walk through of the chair over the years but I found it to be a loss of money.

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