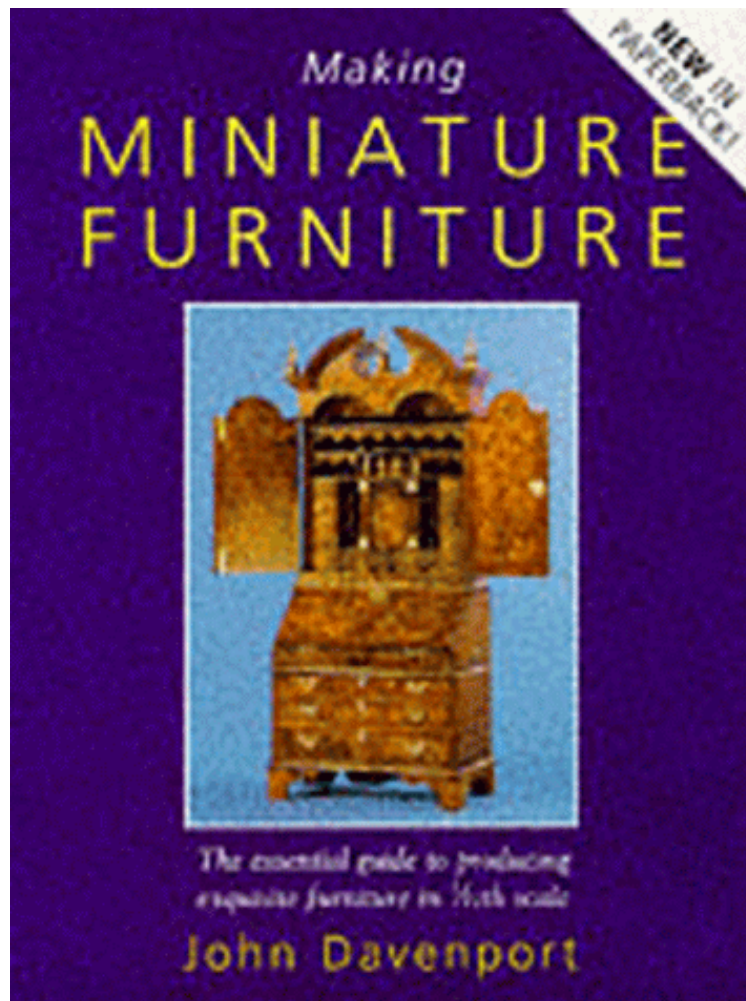


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miniature wood furniture. Excellent suggestions, tips, techniques, jig building for miniature furniture, tools list, a brief overview of how to use the tools and how to set up a workshop are all in the book. I would have made my rating five stars except there were not too many actual furniture patterns in the book. Simple patterns are provided so that you can practice what you have learned in the tool section as a beginner. The furniture piece on the cover is not in the book as a project. There are lots of wonderful photos of pieces of miniature furniture in the book, many having very detailed inlay work, but patterns for them are not provided. Also not provided are directions for making working locks or inlay work that is shown on the pieces. I would say, however, that this is a "must have" book for your dollhouse miniature hobby library. It shows you what can be accomplished and built as far as making high quality and complex scale wood furniture, if you learn the basics presented in the book.

The art of furniture-making in 1/12 scale combines elements of woodwork, marquetry and woodfinishing. The author begins with the tools and techniques involved and describes the basic joints - butt, long edges, mortice and tenon. He then instructs in the making of simple items of furniture, building up the readers' skills gradually. With increased confidence, readers are invited to attempt more sophisticated pieces such as a miniature collector's cabinet or a davenport desk. The processes of cleaning, trimming, sandpapering, raising the grain, staining, and using wood-filler are all clarified so as to achieve the necessary finer quality finish for miniature furniture. Additional advice is offered on cross banding, avoiding breakages, mitring, drilling and glueing.