Ted’s Woodworking Review

Like many others, I got the woodworking bug, and went out and purchased Ted’s Woodworking Package. I was overall happy I did, but I do have some criticisms of this set of woodworking plans, which I detail below. What follows are my personal observations of this package.

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What I Like about Ted’s Woodworking

Here is a short list of nice features that I like, in Ted’s Woodworking Package:

- over 15,000 Woodworking plans
- DWG CAD file viewer included
- 3-D Modelling Software included
- A large variety of woodworking plans
Good value for the money
A nice selection of Woodworking Tips and Tricks
For those interested, a how-to guide for starting a woodworking business
Great customer support
Importantly, other websites typically have excellent plans, but they are rather expensive, and limited in number.

What I Don’t Like about Ted’s Woodworking

Ted’s Woodworking plans are not uniform in style. This is just a minor nit, but it would have been nice to have a uniform presentation style for all these plans. Also, the woodworking plans should have beginner, intermediate, and expert ratings. Instead, the plans are presented as is. A novice woodworker might have trouble with some of these plans.

The video section needs to be beefed up a bit. Not only does the entire video section need additional content, but the video variety seems to be lacking. I mean, do you really need to see some video content from Loew’s?

What is Contained in Ted’s Woodworking

Introduction
Membership Area
Woodworking Plans
Bonus Documents
How To Start A Woodworking Business
More Woodworking Plans
Videos
DWG CAD File Viewer
The “Deluxe” Package has four additional sections

Shed Plans
Resources And References
Home 3D Software
Designer Shed Plans
In the following video, a detailed walkthrough of Ted’s Woodworking package is provided. I agree that seeing is believing! The video walks you through what it means to own this substantial woodworking package.
So, what is this package really like? First, I have included several screenshot images of my Teds Woodworking Membership Area. See the panels below. Second, I walk you through a typical plan you might encounter. Lastly, I have another reviewer’s observations in the attached video.

Here is the area where Reference CAD files, Plans, and Resources are located:

Teds Woodworking Walkthrough

Finally, here is a quick peek into the 3D Software Section and additional Bonuses:

Teds Woodworking Home3D Software and Additional Bonuses
A typical woodworking plan from Ted’s Woodworking

So, now that you have seen the broad outlines of the package, let’s burrow down and see what a typical plan entails. For example’s sake, let’s say you want to build a document chest. In these woodworking plans, you get the entire spectrum of instructions, including:

- blueprints
- step-by-step assembly instructions
- the documented product
- I document these three features below.

Here are the blueprints for the document chest:
Detailed Blueprint from Document Chest Plan
Below are the Assembly instructions for the document chest, in part.
Lastly, here is the final document chest.

with the aid of a divotail gauge. I chose to cut these freehand because the slight variances of angles and tail widths provide incontrovertible proof of the piece's handmade origin.

With a fine-toothed backsaw, make cuts from the lines squared across the end grain down to the baseline established for the tails.

3 With a coping saw, remove the bulk of the waste. Don't approach the scored baseline too closely.

4 Then, use a paring chisel driven by a wooden mallet to cut away the remaining waste. The scored baseline serves to position the tip of the chisel.

In order to avoid breaking out chips on the back side of the piece, flip over the drawer side from time to time, working toward the middle from one side, then the other.

5 When the gaps between the tails have been cut and pared down to the baseline, mark the pins. Position the pin stock (in this case the back of the drawer) in a vise so that its end is just above the level of the benchtop. Position the tails that were just cut above the end grain on the drawer back. Take care to align the baseline between the tails directly above the inside face of the drawer back.

(Because the drawer bottom must slide underneath the back of the drawer, the width of the back extends only from the top of the drawer side to the top of the groove.)

6 With a sharp pencil (you may need to sharpen the tip of the pencil to a smaller diameter so that it can work its way into the gaps between tails), mark the limits of the pins on the end grain of the drawer back.
In summary, we see what a typical plan from Ted’s Woodworking includes, and the amount of detail that is provided for the user’s utility. I was impressed, although I’m not a professional woodworker.