

The MUST HAVE:
DIY Log Furniture Reference Guide:

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Thank you for your interest in Log Furniture and for visiting our flagship website www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com which is provided by Colorado Rock-n-Logs, Inc. We are determined to make our website the leading online hub for log furniture how to educational material, video's and blueprints for the construction and even selling of unique rustic and modern log furniture.

Whether you're are seasoned craftsman (or craftswoman), brand new to log furniture, or enjoy building log furniture as a part-time hobby, you will find everything you need at www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com to start, create and finish any and all log furniture projects.

We will keep you informed about new videos, blueprints, and programs as they become available and anything else such as tool recommendations, techniques and tricks all for building custom log furniture.

Log furniture is a growing trend and isn't just for log homes and cabins anymore. It provides a authentic rustic feel to any home log built or contemporary. And NO cabin or beautiful log home is complete without log furniture.

Good quality log furniture is hard and time consuming to produce. It requires multiple tools, a set of able hands and the desire to build, create and produce comfortable and usable works of art. Log furniture can come with a hefty price tag - but also an opportunity for anyone with a few basic skills and tools to create unique and desired furniture and sell for a nice profit. No two pieces of log furniture are alike ... and what you create is only limited by what you can dream up in your mind.

This reference guide will run you through some of the basics of creating your own log furniture and highlight the benefits and treasures you can find at www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com. With our help and your hands ... unlimited possibilities of unique and comfortable log furniture are going to be created.

Thanks again from the team at Colorado Rock N' Logs for visiting www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com and we're excited to see what you put together.

Let's get started ...

Tools You Need

First, you want to make sure you have the proper tools and work space to store, prepare and produce your furniture. Depending on your budget - time table and how much work you want to do or not do. Some of the tools listed are for the serious builder and are designed to save time and money. If you're a log furniture hobbyist you may not need everything listed. You may actually take pride in the extra time and effort you put in to your log creations.

Some of the tools listed are for metal working. If you decide to incorporate metal into your log furniture to add a more modern feel. Visit www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com and click on the toolbox tab to get recommendations and see pictures of the tools listed. You can also order your tools and have them delivered right to your doorstep from our website.

There are three categories of tools ...

Hand Tools

Broad Axe (Hatchet)

Chisel

Utility Knife

Crosscut Saw

Screwdriver

Socket Wrench

Steel Square

Spirit Level

Carpenters Pencil

Accessories

Drill bits

Hole Saw

Power Tools

Chainsaw

Circular Saw

Compound Miter Saw

Table Saw

Band Saw

Reciprocating Saw

Abrasive Saw

Backsaw

Drill

Grinding & Sanding Tools

Angle Grinder

Bench Grinder

Belt Sander

Welding Equipment

MIG Welder

TIG Welder

Finish Tools

Spray gun

Air Compressor

Wood Work

Sanding Block

Card Scraper

Plane

Wood Putty

Grain Filler

Wood Stain

Shellac

Drying Oil

Lacquer

Varnish

Steel Wool

Rotten Stone

Rubbing Pad

Paint brush

Visit the Tool Box Section of www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com for more information about each of these tools - recommendations, pictures and links to order your log furniture tools and have them delivered right to your workshop. Also, visit our YouTube channel to see these tools in action.

What are You Going to Build?

Now that you know what tools you'll need, you can decide what you're going to build. Basic projects like chairs, three legged stool or a bench is a good place to start. Whatever you choose you are going to want to find patterns, blueprints and measurements before you get started.

If you don't have plans, you can end up with lopsided benches and wobbly chairs, putting all your hard work and effort to waste.

Visit www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com to get access to blueprints, ideas and kits to build your own log furniture.

Prepare Your Work Space

Whether you're working in your backyard, garage or workshop you are going to need plenty of space to build your log furniture. You don't want to create a Three Stooges routine where your knocking stuff over and creating accidents.

Keep your work area clean and neat. Wood scrapes and sawdust can cause accidents. Take particular caution when using heavy machinery and tools. Checkout our videos on chainsaw use and maintenance at the LogFurnitureHowTo YouTube channel. Visit www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com for details.

Finding and Choosing Wood

If you're lucky enough to live in a wooded area you may be able to find your own wood to use. Most log furniture is made from dry wood and standing dead is the most assessable. One problem when collecting dry wood is "rot". Be careful when selecting your wood, you don't want to find out your wood is rotted after you've started working on it. If you're collecting dead wood of the ground be careful of rotted wood.

If you can find a firekilled tree (a tree that was killed by fire) that is your best choice. Any rotted tree will be destroyed by the fire ... only the usable trees, for log furniture, will be left standing.

If you choose to use green wood (a living tree) you'll have to let it dry before you can use it. It may take up to a year before it is dry enough to use. If you have access to a kiln you can dry it faster. The moisture content needs to be below 16% before it is usable.

Saw mills are another source for wood, but you will have to be careful not to buy rotted wood.

*Be sure to check local regulations before collecting fire-killed, dead standing or green wood.

Get Started

This is where the fun begins. Once you have your wood, tools and plans it's time to get working!

Prepare Your Logs

Make all the necessary cuts. Make sure your pieces are level so your furniture doesn't wobble. Follow your blueprints and watch the how to video's on our YouTube channel for extra information and demonstrations of how to cut and prepare your wood.

Prepare Your Metal Parts

If you are doing a more modern log furniture you'll need to cut your metal pieces according to your specifications. Modern log furniture requires welding. You can order already assembled metal kits from www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com to save time and money. Visit our YouTube Channel to see demonstrations on how to prepare your metal pieces.

Finish the Wood

Use a wood preservative or stain to protect your wood pieces. Use primer and paint to protect your metal parts.

Assemble Pieces

This is where everything comes together. Assemble your legs, arms and log pieces together to complete your log furniture masterpiece.

The actual construction and assembly is hard to describe on paper, but not to worry ... visit our YouTube Channel for demonstrations, tips and tricks for creating log furniture. Visit www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com for details.

Basic Log Furniture Care

If your furniture is going to be outside you will want to make sure its protected from environmental elements. Extreme temperatures, direct sunlight and humidity can affect your log furniture the most. Use wood preservative, stains or paint to protect your wood (and metal). This way you can enjoy your log furniture for years to come.

There is a lot of information about building your own log furniture and this guide is only the beginning. We will keep you up to date when new video's, projects and blueprints are on our website. This way you'll be informed and have all the information at your fingertips to create beautiful works of log furniture art of your very own.

If you have any questions contact us at www.LogFurnitureHowTo.com and visit the contact tab. I would also love to hear your ideas and suggestions for future videos and projects.

Can't wait to hear from you!

Thanks for your interest in log furniture.

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