



bedroom suite Oak Dresser

Despite all the attractive detail, this roomy chest of drawers will go together with an absolute minimum of fuss.

The beautifully detailed dresser pictured above is the first installment on a suite of bedroom furniture that's guaranteed to be as practical as it is attractive. But before you jump to conclusions about the construction of this project, let me offer a word of encouragement. Despite the appearance of complexity, you'll find that all the work is very straightforward and easy to manage.

I'll let you in on the secret. From the outside, you see an attractive case that appears to be put together with time-consuming frame and panel construction. However, hidden beneath the solid-wood framing and eye-catching moldings is a simple, easy-to-assemble plywood case. This solid assembly forms the shell upon which all the window dressing is applied.

Almost sounds like cheating, doesn't it? But I say, all's fair in love, war, and woodworking.

And if you think the chest of drawers is an interesting project, why stop there? In coming issues we'll feature plans for a matching wall mirror, nightstand, and queen-size bed frame (photo at right). That should be enough to fill your woodworking calendar for a good long while.