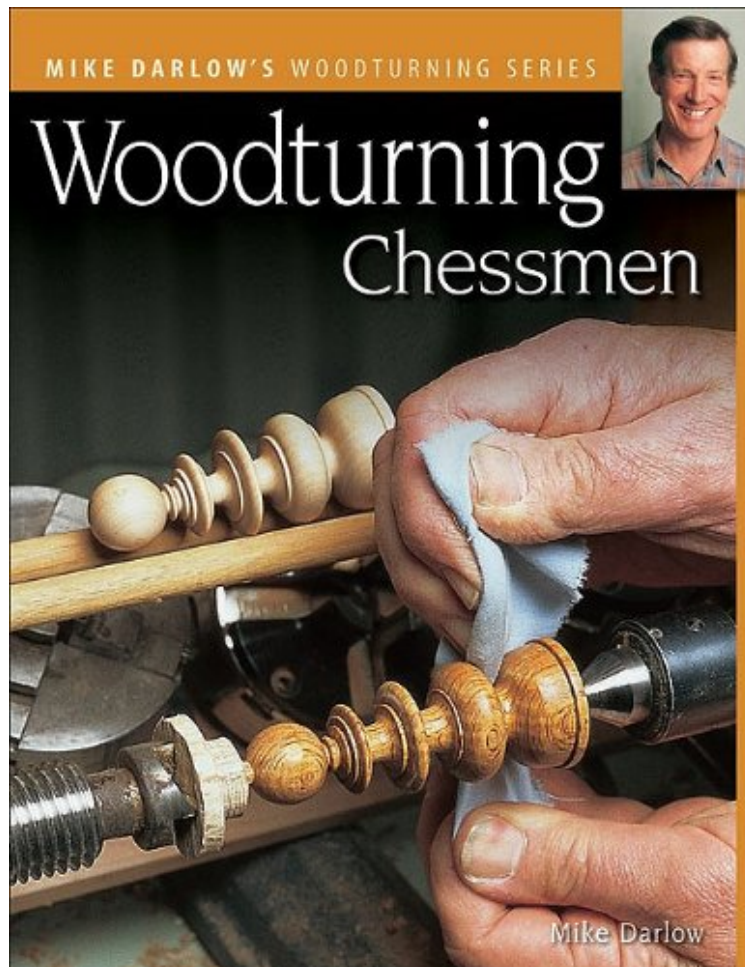


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Mike Darlow : Woodturning Chessmen (Darlow's Woodturning series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Woodturning Chessmen (Darlow's Woodturning series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting work By Pezman419 This is a very interesting work on turning chessmen. I imagine the intended reading demographic is small, but for those who are interested in the concepts of woodturning and making chess pieces, I think this book is the top of the heap. It has very good mock-ups and full photographs. If you are competent with a wood lathe, I think this is the book for you. The book also does a very good history of chess pieces, which is actually a majority of the book. It is a very good read, particularly if you want to think about designing your own set from scratch. It gives you a good guidance on looking at historical sets that could be replicated and expanded on if you were creative. I would warn you, however. I would say that the intended audience is for intermediate woodworkers and above. While there are some rudimentary step-by-step procedures described and pictured, if you are a complete novice and need a comic book-like step-by-step hand holding on how to

do every single aspect of turning, this book may be a few steps above you. The author does seem to assume you have basic woodworking skills, know basic terminology and wood lathe operation. It is not overly complex, but I would think a complete novice might be put off. However, even a novice would appreciate the historical overview of the pieces. I gave the book 4 stars for reasons stated in the above paragraph. The historical overview is excellent, but the actual parts of wood lathe operation as it pertains to making chessmen could have been expanded just a bit. I also thought that, given the historical context of the first half, plans could have been included for a few more of historical period pieces. Overall, however, I think it is an excellent text that will certainly spur creativity on the part of the wood lathe operator making chessmen. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I am very happy with this book. By valuemani am very happy with this book. It is exactly what I was looking for. In contrast to some of the other reviewers I found the history of chess sets very helpful. I really think that to understand the aspects of chess piece design we need to look at what has preceded us. Besides all that it is just fun to see the evolution of design with a lot of photos of historic chess sets. For myself there was plenty of practical information on the actual construction process. There are also a number of templates for making specific sets. All and all a thoroughly enjoyable read even if I wasn't interested in the actual construction process. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Impressive and thorough - great for experienced woodturners. By Ron Lacey I've had my copy of this book about a week and I'll be spending a long time absorbing all the material in the text. My initial impressions are that the author has written very thorough treatise incorporating a short history of chess, the evolution of the design of chessmen, fundamentals of the design process, scaled drawings of several historical reproductions of chessmen, and tips on turning your own sets. This is not a beginners book in the sense that the author doesn't lay out one specific design and takes you through each step in copying that design. Rather, he gives you the tools to create your own designs, examples to copy if you choose, and an appreciation of the history of the game pieces. Plus there are little snippets of info scattered through the text that add to the background information but are clearly not directly needed to make a chess set. The book is a fun read even if you never actually make a chessman.

An invaluable resource for craftsmen, collectors and chess enthusiasts! Includes a history of chess pieces, the importance of the symbols used by chessmen, how to design and add carved details to chess pieces.

From the Back Cover The fifth book in the acclaimed Woodturning Series from professional woodturner and instructor Mike Darlow, Woodturning Chessmen is the ultimate guide to crafting beautiful chessmen on a lathe. And, with its comprehensive background on the history, symbolism, and design of chessmen, this book is not only invaluable to woodworkers, but to collectors of chess sets and to chess players seeking to know more about the celebrated traditions of the game. Exceptionally illustrated with over 275 photographs and dozens of drawings, diagrams, and historic engravings, Woodturning Chessmen includes: -The history of chess and chessmen from A.D. 550 to the present - Insight into the design and symbolism of each piece -Expert tips for designing a chess set from start to finish Accurate drawings of 10 antique chess sets -Step-by-step instructions on turning, carving, and finishing your own chessmen -An inspiring gallery of six chess sets from today's masters About the Author Mike Darlow ran a major woodturning business for sixteen years. He's had more than a hundred woodturning articles published, and this is his fifth woodturning book. His earlier books were The Practice of Woodturning, The Fundamentals of Woodturning, Woodturning Methods, and Woodturning Techniques. Mike continues to exhibit and teach internationally, and turn commercially.