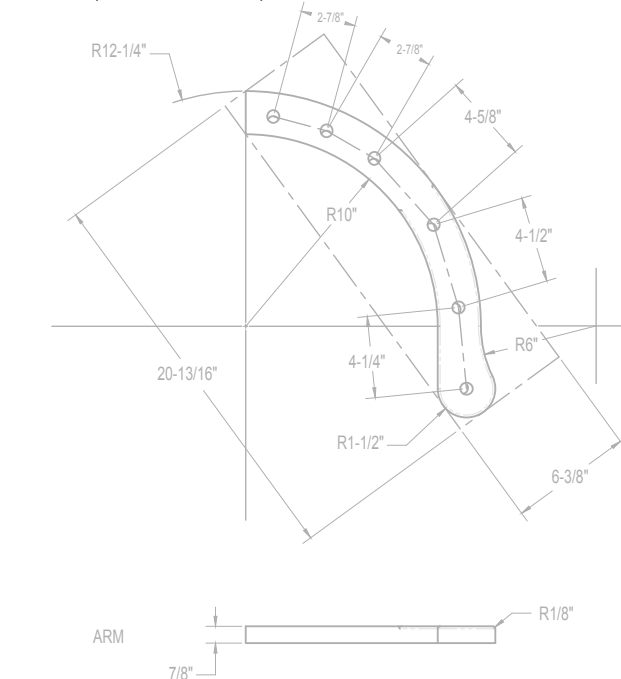
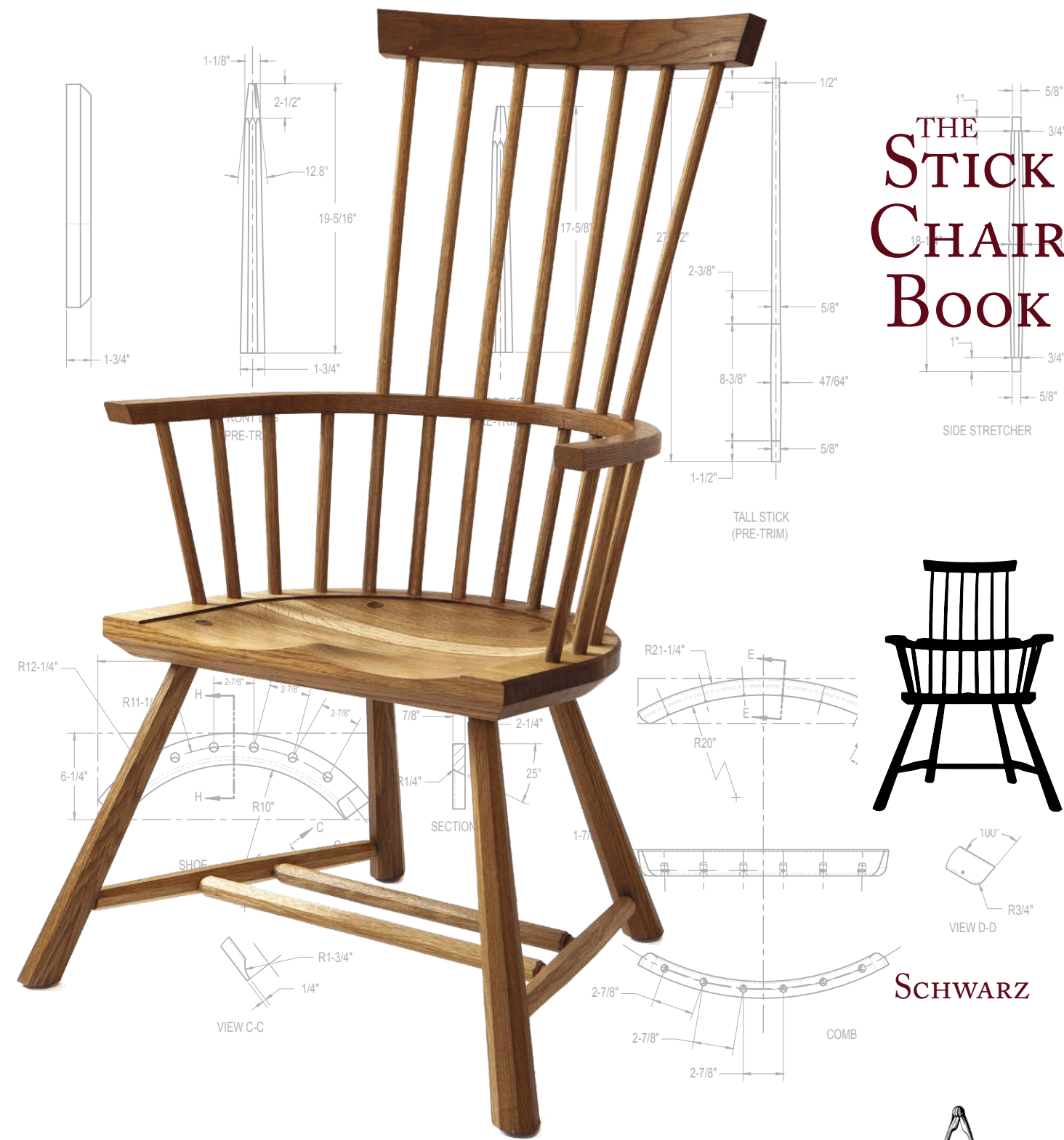




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Learn to Make Stick Chairs

For hundreds of years, people made their own chairs, stools and backstools using the woods around them, the tools on their farms and little or no professional training. For just as long, these commonplace chairs have been ignored by most great museums and furniture historians.

Today, a growing number of woodworkers are discovering the joy of making these comfortable chairs, which originated in Wales, Ireland, Scotland and many other countries in Europe. Stick chairs can be made from almost any kind of wood – even kiln-dried boards from the home center. You don’t need a lot of specialty chairmaking tools or equipment to make them. And even beginning woodworkers will find these chairs approachable.

