

Doctor Benjamin Franklin's chair breaks all molds, adds to an authentic colonial home and shatters any thoughts of THE REAL THING! When guests see this, you'll be labeled as a really neat house to visit! When outfitting a 1776 home with traditional furniture, is it worth it to include authentic creations and inventions? Should a person just give up and go to the local, modern furniture store?



Does anybody know about doctor Benjamin Franklin's chair!? Here is a classic example of functionality built into traditional furniture from the days of the revolutionary war. This is just one example of many that are going to be showcased - while hoping to enlighten regarding the amazing, yet simple ideas that were turned into inventions!

It's surprising how many people don't know about this chair that becomes a step stool/ladder!

Just imagine that comfortable chair with a cushion on it in your kitchen - that with the flip of the wrist becomes a ladder allowing you to climb up to cabinets! Take a second to compare classical design in furniture, with modern design, and you'll be surprised to find usefulness.

WOW! Usefulness? Hold on, hold on now...

Isn't it supposed to just sit there and be pretty?

Let me tell you something, people LOVE something that is useful!

THE REAL THING: It's handy around the house as well as a great source of pride to brag about - with your friends, when you're showing it off. This, of course, is an added benefit. Everybody likes of fun conversation piece in their dining room, in the kitchen and in the living room! Yes, you'd be surprised to find that Ben Franklin had over 200 inventions and did not discover electricity with a kite and a key! But he built one mean chair that is still amazing to this day.

Oh yes, after admiring just this chair and its traditional design you'll be hard pressed to find somebody that wants to brag about modern furniture. Least of all the colonial looking furniture you can buy at a local store.



IS IT WORTH IT?: Some of the hidden facets of authentic and traditional colonial furniture are centered on being truthful with wood and steel. Being true in life or forming a new country takes a whole lot of honesty! So yes, it is worth it. Take for instance the furniture made in this accurate style is actually solid wood construction. That is a top and explicit detail that makes it worth it. Also another detail is that the wood comes from top grades of kiln dried lumber! Oh yes, it's only going to keep getting better.

Woods like Appalachian Wild Cherry and American Black Walnut are amazing and strong. Invoke a sense of pride in yourself, Patriot! You won't find that when comparing it to modern furniture (think cam locks and pressboard)! Believe me, when people are sitting and looking at furniture - they're comparing it to other pieces that they have seen. In this comparison and contrast, the majority of people know exactly what real, solid furniture looks like! And they also know which junk looks like, imitations and fakes. Also, consider brass hardware that is made in the USA along with raised panel doors, mortise and tenon and dowel pin joints throughout to name other fine details.

When's the last time you found a piece of modern furniture with dovetailed drawers and fully finished interiors!? These are two other details.

CONSIDER OTHER EXAMPLES: Consider the bed that you would sleep in - should it be modern or traditional? Think about bedposts from solid pieces of trees with no laminates and all hand rubbed finishes! Are you sold yet on the benefits of traditional furniture!!!???

I'd like to mention a bit about hand rubbed and applied finishes. Once you get a chance to get used to them and know what to look for – you'll develop a fine appreciation.

Another excellent example of a very finely detailed, yet unique, piece of furniture is the Windsor chair. Often called, "The Write Stuff – A Windsor Writing Chair," from the book, "The Story of American Furniture," is shown. I've seen this before many times and it has a unique, small desk built into the chair!

Often this is the chair that is called, "The cradle of the Declaration of Independence." This is the chair and combination desk that was used by Thomas Jefferson and just looking at it shows how unique it is. I don't think (in my comparison and contrast of modern versus traditional furniture) that I need to put pictures here of what modern furniture looks like. We all know what modern furniture looks like. And, we all know what colonial look-alike furniture is. The pieces that are shown here are simply



amazing! Take a look at that Windsor chair there a little bit better...ah yes, look at how ingenious that this jury is build underneath the seat. If you stare at the desk in the upper



portion of the chair, you'll notice that it flips up and also has storage space build into it! These are just not things that you will find anywhere other than from my hand made shop that employs a finely tuned craftsmen.

Take a look at the desk to the left. Have you ever seen anything so beautiful? Where did it

all go and how come we can't buy these things readily today?

Purchasing traditional furniture like this most likely will result in never having to buy furniture again! From functionality to the parts and pieces used, to the loving hands that build and assembled the piece on down to the sheer, rock solid construction – traditional furniture is much better than modern.

In closing, I promised that one of the most famous patriots would surprise you when I said, “Doctor Benjamin Franklin’s chair breaks all molds, adds to an authentic colonial home and shatters any thoughts of THE REAL THING!” It seems like overall, a number of our founding fathers were actually involved with beautiful furniture. YES ☺ When outfitting a 1776 home with traditional furniture, it is worth it to include authentic creations and inventions, to utilize private and specialty shops and to give up on the local, modern furniture store. YUK!!!

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