## The Mao Era in Objects

# Chairs And Stools: DIY Furniture Manuals



## TITLE

Image 1 Furniture Drawings Collection (jiaju tuji 家具图集) Cover Image

DATE

1965-05-20

CREATOR Guilin Timber Goods Factory (Guilin muqichang 桂林木器厂)

#### PUBLISHER

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#### DESCRIPTION

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### TITLE

Image 2 Furniture Drawings Collection (jiaju tuji 家具图集) Drawing for a daytime stool (rizi deng 日子凳)

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### TITLE

Image 3 Cover Images of Everyday Furniture Drawings Collection (changyong jiaju tuji 常用 家具图集)

DATE

#### 1974

### CREATOR

Beijing Municipal Timber Industry Research Institute (Beijingshi mucai gongye yanjiusuo 北 京市木材工业研究所)

#### PUBLISHER

Nongye chubanshe

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#### DESCRIPTION

A mid-1970s manual containing examples of a wide range of furniture including (depicted here) drawings for a wood chair (*muban yi* 木板椅) and a rectangular stool (*changfang deng* 长方凳) (see below Images 4, 5).



## TITLE

Image 4 Everyday Furniture Drawings Collection Wood Chair

DATE

1974

#### CREATOR

Beijing Municipal Timber Industry Research Institute (Beijing shi mucai gongye yanjiusuo 北 京市木材工业研究所)

PUBLISHER

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DESCRIPTION

The design of this wood chair is a classic that can be found in many photographs and propaganda posters of the time (see the propaganda poster examples earlier in this object biography on chairs and stools).



# TITLE

Image 5 Everyday Furniture Drawings Collection Rectangular Stool

DATE

1974

### CREATOR

Beijing Municipal Timber Industry Research Institute (Beijing shi mucai gongye yanjiusuo 北 京市木材工业研究所)

PUBLISHER

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