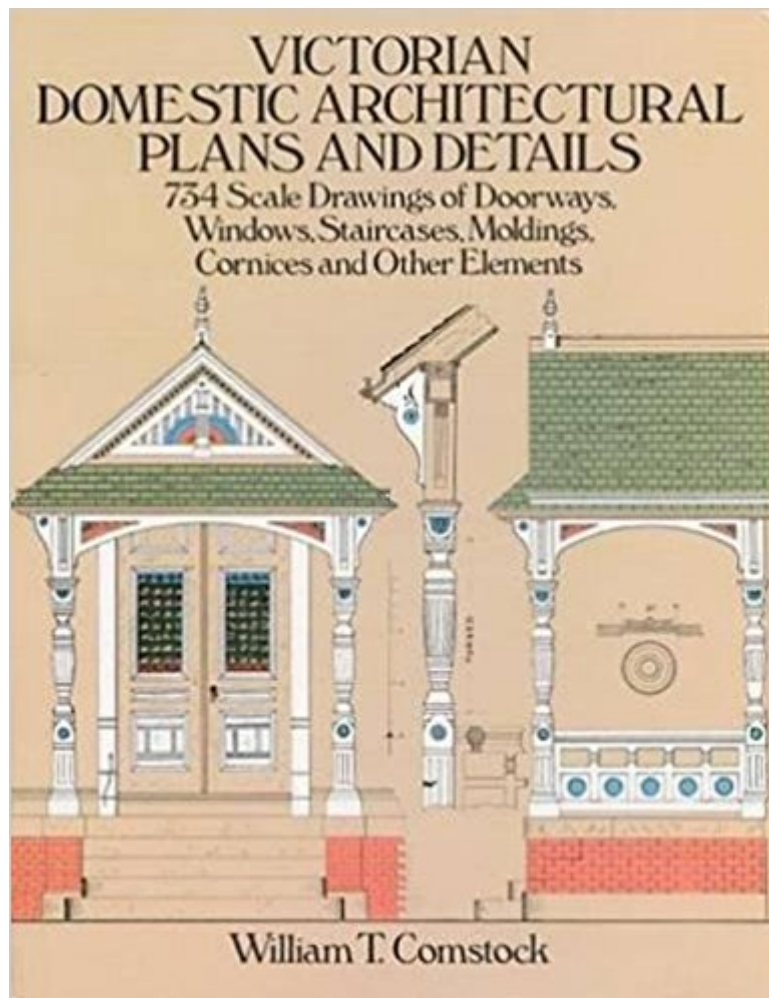


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# Victorian Domestic Architectural Plans And Details: 734 Scale Drawings Of Doorways, Windows, Staircases, Moldings, Cornices, And Other Elements (Dover Architecture) (v. 1)





## Synopsis

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The designs of William T. Comstock, a prolific 19th-century publisher of architectural plans, have inspired several Dover books, including *Houses and Seaside Cottages of the Victorian Era* and *Turn of the Century House Designs*.

This book has a lot of cool architectural drawings of real Victorian homes and even more drawings of the finer details. It may be a great reference tool for someone with a Victorian home, but only of certain styles. The book seems to be heavy on Queen Anne and shingle style, especially cottage and summer houses. If you have an urban Victorian of the Italianate or Folk Victorian style (or a hybrid, as seems to exist in my local), the book is interesting, but not helpful in figuring out historical detail.

I am a writer and bought this to get my terminology right. It is fascinating visually and a wonderful buy.

Great book, but I just wish the images were at higher resolution to see them in greater detail. I would recommend buying the physical copy if you really want to see the tiniest detail.

Great ideas for our 130 year old Victorian restoration. Even getting ideas for our Chicken Coop and Garden shed, following the same roof lines and architectural details.

What is really pretty nifty about this book is that it is actual period architectural drawings of actual houses, not some contemporary's idea of what they looked like. You can get a real sense of what these places were like. And, for the price it can't be beat. If you got details to do this is a a great starting place.

Provides an opportunity to reproduce these features in a new building

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Mom and I enjoy looking at other people's works of Victorian kind. Only thing this good of its kind is books on log cabins. But there are Victorian Log cabins today too. Some one really took their time and did their best to make a display of their art. A book that goes good as another display of a Victorian Look, is "Circular Carpentry and Joinery", by George Collings. Victorian look is kind of Rare where I live today, but some people still include cones and cylinders in their designed handmade work. I saw one all ceramic today in a local neighborhood. There could be more of these out there in the Future , but why turn your neighborhood into the envy of your land? It makes a good read though.

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