



Zongkers Custom Furniture Workshop News



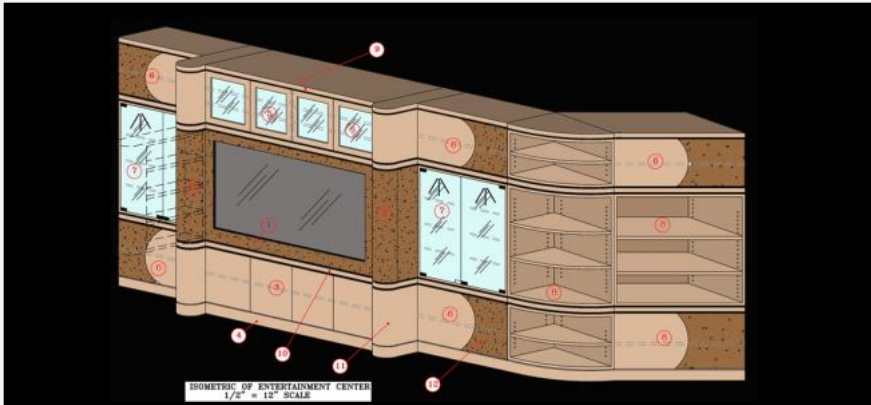
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"A Passion for Design"

By, Dan Zongker

Ever since a young child, art has always been a strong threshold and influence in my life. With extensive studies throughout high school and college, discovering the history of art begins with first the architecture, then the furniture followed by painting and sculptures. These three elements create the personality of a space.

With art being my passion, one of my favorite aspects of our business is the designing process. I truly enjoy starting with a blank sheet of paper and an idea, creating and watching each piece come to life in front of me. Since our company is fully custom and we do not stock any surplus furniture. Each piece is uniquely designed for each client's style and function needed.

This is a service I take great pride in because each piece becomes working, living art.

This entertainment center is one of my favorites over the years. The customer's taste was contemporary, yet their home deserved the warmth of high end woods and the capability of housing the home theater equipment. Keeping in mind, today's quickly changing technology and the ability to adapt with future equipment.

Here we show both the original design drawing and the finished product. We strongly believe in providing detailed design drawings from the beginning, so our customers understand exactly what is being built.....this is where we have fun making changes and fine tuning everything to exactly what the customer wants. Once the order is placed, it is then completely engineered to the finest detailing. How often can you purchase a piece of furniture complete with its own blue prints and specifications?

Being a family room theater system, I kept in mind both adults and children will be using this space. By mixing maple and maple burl veneer in a unique veneer pattern, I was able to create an overall "fun" appearance suitable for all age groups. I incorporated push-out DVD storage hidden within the columns, lighted display and open shelving for children's books and games. Overall the piece looked elegant and fun for all ages.

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Dennis Zongker's Workbench

The completion of the "Majestic Style End Table"

Carving and marquetry play a big role in our company, as far it takes our abilities to a higher level. There are not too many custom woodworking shops that add custom carvings or marquetry to their pieces of furniture. It does set our company a step above other cabinet and furniture shops.

This piece of furniture took me a couple of years to make. I've been a furniture maker almost my whole life. When designing this piece, I really wanted to add carvings to this piece of furniture without making it too busy. By adding Eagle wings, the Lion's face and Violin scrolls. With all these different ideas, along with Marquetry of roses, it made this piece both a centerpiece and end table all in one. When you entered the room it is a center piece. Then when you went around the room it would be an end table.

By using veneer I was able to mix up the veneers into a nice blend of colors for a natural look. I used a traditional method of marquetry. By cutting six layers of veneer at a time on a scroll saw. Also by shading the veneer with silica sand headed up, to give the veneer a 3d look. I then finished the top with clear polyurethane to bring out all the natural colors of the veneer. It took me around 1100 hours to complete. I did most of the work in my spare time and on weekends. I would have to say that at this stage in my career, as a woodworker, this is the most enjoyable piece I've ever done.

By, Dennis Zongker





Spring



The skill of the Craftsman, who put, "Quality in Front of Quantity."

A Craftsman is a worker who practices a trade and one who creates to individual specifications for a custom order. Because of items being the first and only to be made, there are times when the schedule can sometimes not go as once planned. This doesn't only affect the time of completion for this project, but the ones that are scheduled behind it.

There are many who understand what it takes to have something custom built, and know that there are times when things just don't go as planned. This is different than putting in a back order from your local furniture store. Mass production on one single item, *which is done by machine*, is more important to produce in quantity, and not necessary to produce "Quality." The end result is what matters the most and to produce a product of such excellent craftsmanship and of a Quality that will last thru several generations.

That is the Zongkers Promise.

Something to think about.....

Research shows that creative people not only recognize a gap between "what is" and "what should be" but also feel driven to close that gap. And how they close the gap of ten involves thinking "out of the box" and looking at a situation from a new point of view.

Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 large can fruit cocktail
- 1 large can peaches, chopped
- 1 large can pineapple chunks
- 2 - 11 oz. cans mandarin oranges
- 1 - 3 oz. box instant vanilla pudding, dry
- 1 - 3 oz. box any red Jell-O, dry

Directions:

Drain canned fruit. Use half of the juice.
Mix all together until pudding and Jell-O are well distributed.
Chill

DID YOU KNOW?

TIP OF THE DAY....

Protect doorknobs and hardware in the kitchen and bathroom when you're painting by wrapping foil around them to catch dribbles. The foil molds to the shape of whatever it's covering and stays firmly in place until the job is complete.

Sweet BBQ Chicken Kabobs

Ingredients:

- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 2 cups pineapple chunks
- 1 each red & green pepper, cut into chunks
- 1/2 cup Kraft BBQ sauce
- 3 Tbsp frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

Directions:

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Using 8 long wooden skewers, (two, side-by-side, for each kabob) thread chicken alternately with peppers & pineapple on to skewers.

Mix barbecue sauce & juice; brush on kabobs.

Grill kabobs 8 to 10 min. or until chicken is cooked through, brushing occasionally with remaining sauce.

Prep Time: 15 min cook time: 10 min

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