

Art in wood: a collection of uniquely designed projects by David Valentine

Welcome to My Journey

Here I am showcasing some of my most proud projects. But most importantly I hope to inspire the artisan in you and to look back on my journey.

"I believe excitement and passion is found in un-comfortability. Like a fruit tree we do not know what we will reap until we sow our seed"

My Story

It all started on a stepping stone surrounded by water, but as time went past, I began to realise.. creating something exciting can be quite a thrill-seeking experience. Please do take a look at my work and stay tuned for more very soon!

Planing wood to perfection



Bird Feeder



I made this project for my garden it was made with tanalised shed wood and I used various joining methods, such as rebate and housing joint and decorated it to blend in with nature. It was a very fun project to complete.

The Butchers wife



Here we have a butcher's most prized possession a sturdy chopping board crafted with beautiful elm wood. I made the handle to fit my customers hand, so it felt comfortable to carry. The wood finishing I did later that day was some clear mineral oil which really brings out the woods grain!

Home sweet home...



Simple but eye-catching design the lid is flush to the back board with a butt hinge and the bird box hang from the key shaped hole on a fence.

Floral surprise



I used CLS wood to make the table, with mortise and tenon joints cut at a 45° angle so they meet at 90° this was for the framework whereas the tabletop was glued together and slotted on top with the 4 corners notched out. The inlay ended up being routed for the illusion because the CLS was not suited to cutting straight through. Finally, I gave all my wood a much-needed sanding and stained it walnut and antique pine for the insert and stencilled on a Pansie flower.

Door board restoration



I had been putting off this job for a while, but it was something I had planned carefully. It's slightly curved and needed new pilot holes to sit the screw flush below the surface which is why I added 1mm clearance to the diameter.

Finishing products I used:
Vandyke crystals Walnut colour
Shelagh for glossy finish



Bird station palace



This bird station has a mixture of elm as well as a cherry wood mount. It is roughly 1.1 metres in height and features a hand carved bowl, chamfered edges and metal angle plates.

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