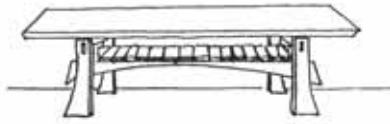


Chestertown Vacation Workshops
@
Robert Ortiz Studios



Dear Friends,

I've been a furniture maker for 30 years and have had my studio here in downtown, historic Chestertown for 18. Over the years, many visitors have remarked that I'm lucky to be able to do what I do for a living. I believe that underlying what they tell me is their own wish to make something with their hands, to spend time in a shop like mine, use the equipment and be able to say, "I made that."

The Chestertown Vacation Workshops

That's what the Chestertown Vacation Workshops are all about. Come and spend a week in the shop with me, one on one. If you have some woodworking or power tool experience, I'll guide you through the process as we make one of my signature pieces, a Sofia Coffee or End Table with glass or wood top. You will use the same patterns, equipment, and tools that I use. I'll show you how I make my design so that you can make yours.



Even if you don't have woodworking experience, we'll work together side by side to create an heirloom piece that you'll take home and use every day. You'll work with your hands, shape wood and make something beautiful and useful. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you've brought to life something lasting that connects you to generations long gone who knew the joy and the value of making things.

The piece pictured below, was the first project that this workshop participant ever tried. It's a cherry end table with a small walnut drawer and shelf. The top and shelf are made of book matched figured cherry.

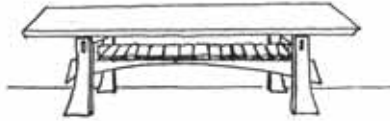


I want to be perfectly clear. I'm not starting a woodworking school. The Chestertown Vacation Workshop is not about learning how to make or cut a better dovetail. It *is* about **you** making a piece of furniture. You'll be immersed in a process, for a week, in a tradition that has existed for millennia but is disappearing in our rushed, throw away lives. It is also an opportunity to enjoy a slower pace of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore. You can stay at a B&B in town, on the Bay or on the grounds of a local winery. We'll discuss the coming day's work schedule at my favorite local bakery or here at the shop starting at 8 AM. We'll work until noon and then break for lunch, back at 12:45 PM until 4:00. You'll learn about wood selection, how to dress wood flat and straight, how to prepare wood so that you can create joints, parts and bring them together to make a piece of functional, beautiful furniture. You'll prepare your project for finishing and learn how to achieve a lasting finish to enhance the beauty of the wood.



Participants and projects





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Session Costs: *All costs are for making a piece in cherry.* Other woods are additional depending on species.

Price includes: all wood and materials, use of all necessary shop equipment and tools, private instruction one on one with Robert Ortiz. Some portions of the workshops may also be done with shop specialists, i.e. finishing with 16 year veteran Brenda Foehrkolb and carving with shop carver, Steven Croker. Friday afternoon will be for finishing up, and whatever steps may still need to be completed.

- Sofia Glass top or wood top coffee table - \$ 2,850 (5 Day)
- Sofia Glass top or wood top end table - \$ 2,450

- Sofia Entry/Sofa/Hall table - \$ 3,750 (5.5 Day)
- Daniel Entry/Sofa/Hall table - \$ 3,750 (5.5 Day)

- Cherry end table with drawer and shelf (first photos above) \$ 2,750. (5 Day)

- Coffee table version of table above \$ 2,950. (5 Day)

- Hall table version \$ 3,250. (5 Day)

If you are interested in making a different piece of furniture from the Robert Ortiz Studios line I will gladly explore that option with you. You can view more pieces here at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/80147565@N05/sets/>

If you prefer to do this with a best friend, spouse etc., that is another option.

At the present time I can hold up to two workshops a month. The workshop usually runs Monday to Friday. I schedule the workshops at the convenience of your schedule and mine. It will last either 4, 5 or 6 days depending on the project.

I can send additional information on lodging, restaurants and other activities in the Chestertown area.