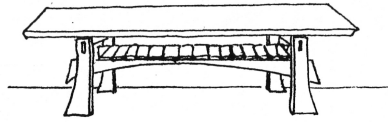


CHESTERTOWN FURNITURE MAKING WORKSHOPS

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Robert Ortiz Studios



Dear Friends,

I've been a furniture maker for 38 years and have had my studio here in downtown, historic Chestertown for 26 years. 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."

That's what the Chestertown Furniture Making Workshops are all about. Come and spend from 3 to 6 days (depending on the project) 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.



I want to be perfectly clear. I'm not starting a woodworking school. The Chestertown Furniture Making 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, throwaway world. It is also an opportunity to enjoy a slower pace of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore. My goal is to have you experience my world – "from soup to nuts." In a 5 day workshop, on the morning of the first day, we'll travel to Hearne Hardwoods, one of the loggers where I source my wood and with my help, you'll pick out the wood for your project.

We'll discuss the coming day's work schedule starting at 9 AM, work until noon and then break for lunch, back at 1:15 PM until 4:30 or 5 PM. 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.

A few of the participants and their projects



THREE DAY WORKSHOPS



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NUTS & BOLTS

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 me, Bob Ortiz. Some portions of the workshops may also be done with shop specialists, i.e. finishing with 24 year veteran Brenda Foehrkolb and ginkgo leaf carving (for a glass top coffee table) with shop carver, Steven Croker. Sofia Glass top or wood top coffee table - \$ 2,850.

- Three day, end table workshop - \$ 1,950 – photo 7
 - Two end – 5.5 days (photo 7) \$2,975
- Three day art display shelving workshop - \$ 1,950 – photo 6
- Sofia Glass top or wood top coffee table - \$ 2,850 - photos 1 & 2
- 48" round dining table - \$ 4,250 – photo 4
- Sofia Entry/Sofa/Hall table - \$ 3,750 (5.5 Day)
- Daniel Entry/Sofa/Hall table - \$ 3,750 (5.5 Day) – photo below
- Cherry end table with drawer and shelf (first photos above) \$2,750. (5 Day)
- Hall table version \$ 3,250. (5 Day)
- "Garfield Coffee Table" - \$ 4,500 (5.5 Days) photo 5

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 3,4, 5 or 6 days depending on the project.

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

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Daniel Entry/Server Table

