

CABINETS FOR THE HOME, SHOP OR OFFICE

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In this class we will be working at a fast pace on several fairly advanced projects. The class will be divided into 3 teams which will at times be working on different projects. I will be doing demonstrations and each team will share what they have been working on, so that everyone will learn about each project even though they do not work on them all.

During the week each student will build a cabinet door of their own design. I will be looking for lots of different options with moldings, panel styles and edge treatments. Changing the door style is one of the best ways that I know of to upgrade the look of a cabinet and the options are almost unlimited!

Monday morning we will start in the class room with a power point presentation on my methods of cabinet building and then divide the class into 3 teams and start working on our first project. Two of the teams will be building a step back storage cabinet with a radius top opening that is beaded. The cabinet will also have a ¾" thick wood paneling back. The third team will be building the "desk" portion of the project and an upper cabinet to connect the two storage cabinets. The desk is simply a table that is free standing. When all the parts come together, you will end up with a great way to turn a spare bedroom into an office for two, and the desk can always be moved to set up a bed for guests. This should take us through Tuesday.

On Wednesday we will start three new projects: a corner hutch with curved trim, a custom dresser with lots of furniture details, and a bookcase that pivots to access hidden space, like storage under a stairway. This bookcase will feature an unusual type of adjustable shelves. I hope to finish these cabinets by Thursday afternoon so that we can begin our final projects.

Custom desks and console cabinets to set flat screen TV's on have become very popular. We will spend the remainder of our class time focused on them.

Each group of students is different and I always try to remember that most of you are on vacation. We may spend Friday finishing each student's custom door and studying design options for these two types of cabinets, or we may build a bed and a couple of consoles. My greatest goal is that you go home with the skills and knowledge to build all these cabinets and have enjoyed the class.

TOOL LIST:

1. Low angle block plane
2. Trim hammer 12-16 ounce
3. Small combination square
4. Tape measure 15-25 foot
5. ¾ inch wood chisel
6. Utility knife
7. 1/8 inch nail set

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