Bespoke Furniture Design & Production

A collaborative carefully managed process for individual pieces, coordinated furniture packages and fitted joinery - from initial concept through technical development, manufacture and installation.

Our approach

Dare designs and manufactures furniture tailored to the setting, the people using it and the practical demands of each project. Alongside our core collection, we develop bespoke seating, tables, cabinetry, storage, desks and architectural joinery for residential, hospitality and commercial interiors.
From the first conversation to the finished piece. Our approach combines design, development, considered material selection and skilled manufacture to create furniture tailored to the brief and its setting.

01 **Consultation & project brief**

We establish the design intent, visual direction, dimensions, comfort requirements, visual direction, materials, sustainability priorities, budget and programme. Relevant site constraints and performance requirements are considered at the outset.

Outcome: Agreed brief and initial scope / quotation.

02 **Design & development**

Following agreement of the appointment and initial payment, we develop the technical drawings, visualisations, construction details and proposed specifications. Complex joinery may require site surveys and coordination with the architect or contractor. Feedback is incorporated through the agreed revision allowance.

Outcome: Drawings and design proposals for review.

03 **Materials, sampling & prototyping**

We present appropriate timber, hardware, upholstery and finish samples. Where comfort or complex detailing needs physical assessment, a mock-up or prototype can be commissioned separately before final manufacture.

Outcome: Approved finishes and, where applicable, prototype.

04 **Final specification & approval**

We consolidate the approved drawings, dimensions, materials, construction details and installation requirements. Any variations to the original brief are priced and agreed in writing before production is authorised.

Outcome: Final sign-off, confirmed price and production programme.

05 **Manufacture & quality assurance**

The piece/s are produced against the approved specification, documentation and drawings with attention to workmanship, dimensions and finish. Workshop progress photographs and visits can be arranged by agreement.

Outcome: Completed furniture, inspected prior to dispatch.

06 **Delivery & aftercare**

We coordinate packaging, delivery and installation where included.
Relevant care and warranty information is supplied, together with a point of contact for aftercare.

Outcome: Delivery, handover and project close-out.

Furniture categories & technical considerations

Each furniture type has different functional, structural and material requirements.
These are explored during design development and confirmed in the final specification.

Cabinetry, sideboards & storage

Internal layouts, shelf loads, door and drawer clearances, hinges, runners, locks, ventilation, cable access, stability and wall fixing where required. Veneer matching, grain direction, edge details and finish samples are agreed.

Dining, meeting & boardroom tables

Seating capacity, legroom, heights, spans, top thickness, support structure, jointing, stability and floor protection. We consider timber movement, large-format top construction, power/data integration and practical delivery access.

Desks, consoles & workstations

Ergonomics, storage, cable routing, access panels, power/data coordination, privacy and support structures. For shared or commercial use, relevant durability and performance requirements are established in the brief.

Shelving, fitted furniture & architectural joinery

Site measurement, wall and floor conditions, fixing substrates, service coordination, tolerances, scribing, access for installation and interfaces with adjacent trades. Survey and installation responsibilities are defined before production.

Sofas, chairs, benches & banquettes

Seat height and depth, pitch, support, firmness, cushion construction, upholstery detailing, fabric suitability, wear performance and applicable fire-safety requirements. Comfort-critical pieces may benefit from a physical mock-up.

Occasional furniture & mixed-material pieces

Proportion, stability, handling, edge profiles, material junctions and surface protection. Stone, glass, metal and timber combinations require suitable tolerances, fixings and coordinated specialist fabrication.

Working together

Clear documentation and timely decisions help protect design intent, programme and budget.

Design information & responsibilities

Design drawings, finishes and specifications are submitted for written approval.
The approved drawing pack identifies overall dimensions, visible details, material finishes and key construction requirements. Where a project involves fitted work, the parties responsible for site surveys, structural assessment, service locations, site contractor involvement (M&E), wall / floor fixings, and installation coordination are agreed in advance.

Samples & natural material variation

Representative samples are provided as appropriate. Timber grain, veneer figuring, stone veining and other natural characteristics vary from piece to piece. Any essential matching or selection requirements should be stated before approval.

Performance, compliance & sustainability

We identify relevant project-specific standards, contract-use performance criteria and fire-safety requirements at briefing stage. Natural upholstery fillings and recycled materials can be explored where technically suitable. FSC-certified timber with chain-of-custody documentation may be specified where available through the applicable certified supply chain. Any required certifications should be confirmed in the agreed specification.

Revisions, changes & approvals

The appointment or quotation sets out included design revisions. Additional revisions, changes after approval, further sampling or revised site conditions may affect price and lead time. Material changes are quoted and approved in writing before implementation.

Programme & lead times

An indicative programme is discussed at the outset. The confirmed manufacturing schedule follows final approval, receipt of the required payment, and availability of materials. Testing, specialist components, site readiness and installation coordination can influence the timetable.

Workshop updates & client involvement

Photographic progress updates and pre-arranged workshop visits can be included where useful. We encourage key client decisions to be made at defined approval points to avoid disrupting production.

Commercial milestones

Design appointment	Agreed design-development fee or initial deposit before technical development and sampling.
Production approval	Signed specification, agreed variations and required manufacturing payment before procurement or manufacture.
Dispatch / installation	Final payment, logistics and installation arrangements as stated in the accepted quotation or order confirmation.

From brief to finished piece

A practical checklist of the information that helps us establish an accurate scope and develop a successful commission.

Project essentials

Furniture type and quantity; intended location and use; target dimensions; design references; budget; required completion date.

Design & specification

Preferred timber, veneers, colours, fabrics, metals, stone or glass; hardware; grain direction; finish level; storage requirements; power and data.

Performance & approvals

Expected usage and loading; applicable fire or contract standards; sustainability and certification requirements; nominated decision-maker; approval and revision process.

Site & installation

Room and access dimensions; lifts, stairs and doorways; site readiness; delivery restrictions; fixing substrates; coordination with other trades.

A considered, collaborative service

Whether developing a single statement piece, a fitted cabinetry scheme or a complete furniture package, we bring the same attention to proportion, function, materials and making. Our aim is to create furniture that feels resolved in its environment and performs well over time.

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This guide describes our typical approach. Project-specific scope, deliverables, fees, responsibilities, approvals and terms are confirmed in the relevant quotation or appointment.