



The photo above is the finished sideboard that I made for our dining room. It serves as a divider between our dining area and great room.

The cabinet case, top, and back are made from an oak tree that came down in our yard during the 2008 ice storm. I had the trees sawed and then stacked with stickers in my garage for two years prior to stacking them on a shelf. The yield from the trees was approximately 1,000 board feet.



The door frames are made from the same oak and the munnions are individual pieces made from Cocobolo, spaced and glued together with linen cloth pieces soaked in liquid hide glue. The glass panes were cut from 1929 storm windows that I purchased from a couple redoing their 1929 Portsmouth bungalow. I wanted glass that was clear, but not perfect.



The door knobs were hand made from African Blackwood. This is brittle stuff but oil content is high and it never needs a finish. The finish is a modern day equivalent of the Craftsman ammonia gassing of oak. My first coat is Boiled Linseed Oil, second coat is Special Walnut Stain, third coat is Walnut Danish Oil, and the final coats are Amber Shellac. I may put 3 to 5 coats of Amber Shellac on until I get the desired look I want. I then polished the case and doors with furniture wax. The top has 3 to 5 coats of poly varnish. All coats were wiped on using lint free cloth, and nylon for the varnish.

This project took me awhile to complete, but my client love it.