



Touch it, feel it, love it – *forever*

Whatever your style Mawdsley Williams can design something to suit your needs.

Since opening their workshop in the Yorkshire Dales village of Gargrave just over two years ago David and Stephanie Mawdsley have designed and made furniture for clients whose homes range from new built apartments to timber framed cottages. They offer a complete personal service from design to delivery. 'My creativity is really inspired when I meet a client and see their style and choice of décor,' says David, who studied furniture design at Loughborough University. Stephanie complements David's inspiration with her sense of form and purpose. Customers Mr and Mrs Newby are delighted with their table which David made to blend their antique country chairs into their contemporary living room in Manchester.

The individually designed furniture displays David's skills as a traditional craftsman. 'I don't use just any old piece of wood. I spend time at specialist timber suppliers searching for hardwoods with interesting grain patterns, I carefully choose each piece to enhance my design. To me good wood makes good furniture.' David's skill and attention to detail are shown in the hand cut dovetail joints of a contemporary sideboard.

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David and Stephanie's creativity extends to producing works of art. The design of the stools, Petal I and Petal II, is based on a buttercup petal. David's skill in shaping wood results in a structurally sound piece of furniture. 'I don't normally sit on stools – I don't have a stool type of body, but this is really comfortable,' said, a visitor to the workshop. The sculpting of the wood enhances the natural beauty of the oak, emphasising the grain pattern. Each piece of wood chosen has its own natural characteristics so clients are assured that the piece of furniture made for them is unique.

Commissions have also been undertaken to make smaller items, such as jewellery boxes, for clients who wanted a unique gift for a special occasion.

Visit their on line studio at www.mawdsleywilliams.co.uk for further information.

You can make an appointment to visit them in Gargrave if you wish to experience their furniture in a tactile way.

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