

Wisconsin Forestry Career Profile

Wood Craftsman



High School Courses

- Design
- Woodworking
- Math
- Physics
- Photoshop/Graphics



Education/Training

- High school diploma or equivalent
- 1-, 2- or 4-year degree in furniture design, industrial design, interior design or related field
- Some jobs require a 4-year degree to qualify for International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) membership



Responsibilities

- Know about and be able to identify different types of wood
- Draw and sketch furniture and other designs
- Work with clients and manage projects
- Prepare multiple designs for each piece
- Research and recommend new styles
- Work with engineers and manufacturers
- Make and maintain good relationships



Skills

- Use draft and design tools like AutoCAD, CET, CAP Studio
- Use woodworking tools
- Design, plan, cut, sand, construct and finish projects
- Pay attention to detail
- Communicate and collaborate effectively
- Problem-solve



Abilities/Personality

- Can tolerate conditions of a wood shop environment
- Creative
- Insightful
- Able to learn and adapt
- Hardworking



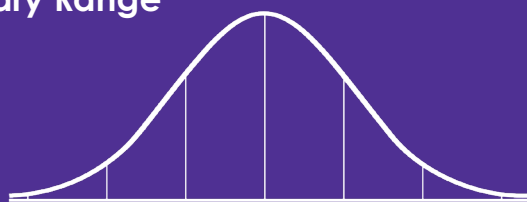
Work Environment

Wood craftsmen work in both offices and shops. They often need to travel to attend meetings. Craftsmen benefit from attending conferences and workshops to continue learning about design and trends within the field.

Job Description

Wood craftsmen create drawings, images, and 3D mockups of wood furnishings and cabinetry. In large companies, designers work directly with customers or with marketing teams to create a general design, then they work with engineers and manufacturers to continue working out how to put the piece together. In a smaller business, wood craftsmen do it all, design, engineer and manufacture. Wood craftsmen need to be able to visualize what somebody wants and turn it into reality.

Salary Range



\$42,000
Low end

\$66,000
Median

\$100,000
High end

