

# REEVE CARTER

Woodwork Artist  
Oregon, United States



Reeve Carter is a 22-year-old woodwork artist. He creates intricately designed one-of-a-kind wooden bowls and cutting boards. Every single piece is unique. “People have asked Reeve to make multiple pieces of the same design, such as a matching set of bowls. He won’t do it. That would turn his art into work.”

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Reeve works two to three days a week as a dishwasher at a local restaurant in Monmouth. However, his passion is woodworking. Reeve began woodworking at the age of twelve, after watching his father work for several years. Originally, he created frames and ornate wooden boxes. Now Reeve cuts and shapes his wood with planers and a lathe to create intricate bowls and cutting boards. He glues each piece and when dry, coats each item in food safe mineral oil.

Although Reeve has difficulty sitting still in other venues, his workshop is no problem. He will spend hours creating his wooden pieces. Reeve’s mother refers to him as a “machine” that “never stops”. He is extremely prolific, using approximately three gallons of glue within one week, and can create multiple extraordinary pieces within hours. Reeves’ work is sold at various galleries and shops throughout Oregon and New York City.

## Artist Statement:

*I cut the wood on the table saw first, into pieces, and then I glue it. Then I plate it. I mount it on the lathe .... I enjoy the whole process. I’m proud of it, always proud. I’m happy and proud.”*

*.....Reeve Carter*

Watch a brief clip by Reeve Carter <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/videos/news/local/2023/12/07/young-man-with-autism-carves-his-own-path-through-woodworking/71673016007/>

