



DOUG CARPENTER DUPLICATING THE MEASUREMENTS OF AN OVER/UNDER FOR A SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH PATTERN STOCK.

CARPENTER'S CUSTOM GUNSTOCKS

A REVIEW BY **DANA FARRELL**

Doug Carpenter knows wood. He ran his own construction company for years, a career path he followed straight out of high school. It was during his construction days that he caught the bug for clay target shooting and eventually an interest in working on his own gunstocks.

With a working knowledge of wood gained over years of work, and the hands of a trained craftsman, he honed his skills on his own guns, before eventually taking the advice of his fellow shotgunning friends to give professional stock making a go.

Several years after closing his

construction company, he's now fully engrossed in his own stock making business – a pursuit that gives him both a creative outlet and the added benefit of a job that allows him to be home when his kids get out of school every day. With a wife who routinely puts in long hours as a senior IT

professional, working from home is something they both agree helps bring stability to their family while also allowing Carpenter the satisfaction of doing the work he loves.

I first met Carpenter, of Carpenter's Custom Gunstocks LLC, at Hill 'n Dale Club in