

Carlos Taylor-Swanson

Supervisor / Designer / Craftsman / Mentor

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Education

Whatcom Community College,
Grad. AAS, 1987

University of Washington
Part time 2000 – 2003
(Bachelor's coursework,
no degree)

Key Skills

Cabinet/Furniture/Architectural
Woodworking Design and Fab.

Proficient in 2D CAD and 3D
rendering

Project Management

Marketing and Customer Service

Objective

A supervisory, management or design position with a dynamic and successful design/build firm that will allow me to utilize my extensive and enthusiastic experience in this field.

Experience

For over 30 years I have honed my skills as a professional woodworker, designer, and business professional. I have a refined design sense, exceptional problem-solving skills, excellent communication, and a deep, personal drive to promote the craft for future generations.

September 2006 – August 2025

Founder/Owner/President • Madera Furniture Company, Tacoma WA

June 2023 – August 2024

Custom Craftsman • Cobabe Collection, Salt Lake City, UT

April 2020 – August 2022

Specialty Dept. Supervisor • Lone Pine Cabinetry, West Jordan, UT

January 1999 – September 2006

Supervisor • Veneer Department • Belina Interiors, Tacoma WA

October 1997 – January 1999

Supervisor • Veneer Department • Northern Marine, Anacortes, WA

April 1990 – January 1999

Owner/President • VanGo Custom Framing • LaConner, WA

Communication/Leadership

Trust and respect are the foundation upon which a long-lasting business relationship can be built. I have always had pride in my ability to earn the trust of my clientele and employees. My communication style is honest and direct, yet respectful and open. Being a good listener allows for a productive dialog, and my decision making is solid and logical.

**References available
upon request.**

Personal

Devoted husband, father, and dog dad. I enjoy creating and the creative process. Hobbies include design, woodworking, hiking, skiing, and tennis.

Community

Treasurer for the Academy of Math, Engineering and Science PTSO.
Volunteer assistant at “pop-up” health clinics.
Ongoing mentorship through Next Move, Tacoma Public Schools

Additional Details

My extensive professional background spans the artworld, to luxury yacht interiors, to residential and commercial interiors. I have personally designed, crafted, and managed the completion of countless high-end projects from single stand-alone furniture pieces to the installation of commercial, office, and residential packages. Methodical planning and thoughtful order of operations are particular strengths, as are my communication and management skills.