

H. Robert Johnson Furniture

I began building furniture in 1970. This experience with wood began when my family needed some pieces of furniture for our home. This put me in touch with the fact that I was the fourth generation wood worker in my family*. My forbearers had been wood craftsman in this country and in Sweden.

I had been raised as a toolmaker, but I wanted to experience working more with my hands. For eighteen years I built furniture without the aid of machine tools. I became very intimate with the qualities of my materials through this experience.

Because of my experience working with hand tools, my pieces express my personal need to “show my hand” in the finished piece. I enjoy the feel and look of the natural beauty of the material. My craftsmanship is characterized by the combining of highly finished surfaces along with almost primitive treatment of some areas and edges created by the simplest of hand tools. All of my pieces are made from solid materials, are of heirloom quality, and intended to be used from generation to generation.



*Bob and Pat Johnson's son Matthew is now in charge of Lyr Woodshop – the fifth generation!

Bob and one of his coat trees. The one for Toklat is not yet completed. And an example of the exquisite furniture that Bob creates. There is one of Bob's tables in the gallery.

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