

Wild Ideas

— Unique tables through custom woodworking.

SINCE TAKING a few electives in high school, Brian Grabski has been fascinated with the art of woodworking. What started as a hobby progressed into much more, as he began working in cabinet shops to learn all he could about the processes and techniques.

Grabski has now turned his attention to creating custom-made pool tables — each one being a kind of functional piece of art. For every table, Grabski hand-selects wood with unique and unusual grain patterns to give each piece a distinctive look. The woods are then grain-matched to create an uninterrupted flow from piece to piece.

In his latest piece, Grabski inlaid the owner's name into the panels, then added eight hand-rubbed coats of tung-oil varnish to give a flawless, mirror-like finish.

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