

## YOU DESIGN IT - WE BUILD IT

We want you to tell us what you want. After all, you know your specific needs better than we do and we encourage customers to conceive their own designs. Depending upon the application, many will be of traditional shape and proportions but we don't exclude more creative ideas; in fact we welcome them.

Worktops can be any shape and don't necessarily have to follow the contours of units supporting them. It may well be desirable to reflect and compliment other features within the overall design of a location to maximize good design.

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Because we manufacture worktops from simple Belfast sink surrounds to entire kitchens and other usage layouts we have a real sense of design and flair. We can offer solutions to accommodate any type of sink, hob or cooker - even next to an Aga.



**Fig 1. Belfast sink.**  
This popular sink can be built into any wooden worktop with draining grooves provided.



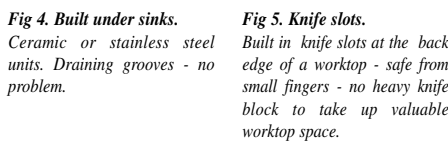
**Fig 2. Inset chopping board.**  
Inset tray for granite or slate 'cold surface' for pastry, etc.



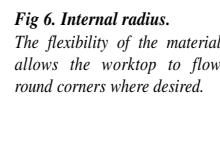
**Fig 3. Bread board.** A clever solution; neat, practical and space saving - reversible board over drawer.



**Fig 4. Built under sinks.**  
Ceramic or stainless steel units. Draining grooves - no problem.



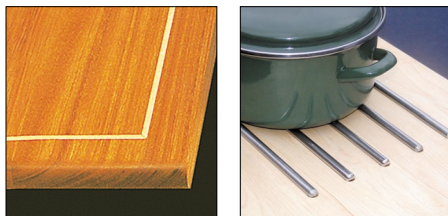
**Fig 5. Knife slots.**  
Built in knife slots at the back edge of a worktop - safe from small fingers - no heavy knife block to take up valuable worktop space.



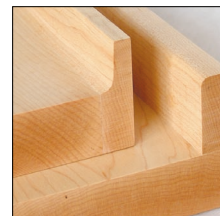
**Fig 6. Internal radius.**  
The flexibility of the material allows the worktop to flow round corners where desired.



**Fig 7. Stringing.**  
Inset stringing in a contrasting timber - echoing other adjacent timbers perhaps.



**Fig 8. Heatbars.**  
Metal bar protection against excessive heat.



**Fig 9. Upstand.**  
Creates an easy clean contour between top and wall.



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### WORKTOPS FOR OTHER AREAS

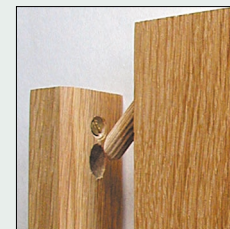


A polished hardwood surface laid over pillars formed by standard desk height cabinets makes a stylish and cost effective solution for the home office. As with kitchen worktops, we can build to your specifications including conduits for cable access, bridge fronts for under monitor keyboard parks, pull out shelves for peripherals and so forth.

### SHELVING



**High level shelf.**  
For plate display with a decorative lighting pelmet. The shelves are supported by the unique Bordercraft shelf bracket which hides the fixing screws completely (see below).



We can also offer solid timber storage shelves, with or without a polished lacquer finish, for any area of the house, not just the kitchen - such as complete bookcase units with adjustable library fittings.

## THE ORDER PROCESS

Once you have decided what you need, contact either ourselves or your dealer. Once received, your order will be costed and confirmation sent to you (or the retailer you are purchasing through). This will also state the delivery date, which is usually 10 - 14 days from receipt of order (can be slightly longer for 'Alternative Timbers').

Should your layout be complex and require templates, we can arrange to have them collected. Our prices include delivery for U.K. Mainland. Deliveries are made Tuesdays to Fridays and are available with a variety of extra cost options: Before 9.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon and Saturdays. Your order will be supplied with full installation and maintenance instructions, as well as Finishing Oil if appropriate.



Our co-ordinating bespoke **wallrack system** up to a maximum of three metres wide and two metres tall. Please ask for our separate leaflet.



The bespoke **kitchen table** is available in any size from 1200mm x 600mm to 3000mm x 1200mm in the same timbers as our worktops. Please ask for our separate leaflet.



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Some common questions are answered on our web site.  
You will also find details of our other complementary products.

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An example of a very contemporary setting enhanced by the presence of a traditional material - wood

### BUTCHERS BLOCKS AND CHOPPING BOARDS



**Chunky end grain butchers block** - any size, any thickness.



**Chopboards** - conventional chopping boards, any size, any shape, 30mm or 40mm thick.

Watch any celebrity chef on TV and, almost without exception, they will be using a traditional wooden chopping board. Professor Cliver, head of the Food Research Unit at Winsconsin University, has proved that wood surfaces are more hygienic than plastic. Wood has a natural acidity that kills bacteria which thrive in the minute scores of other materials. His findings were also confirmed by the BBC's 'Watchdog' team.



## HARDWOOD WORKTOPS



# WHY WOOD FOR WORKTOPS ?

## ...because wood is beautiful.

Wooden work surfaces give kitchens character, warmth and style. Combined with other materials such as stainless steel appliances they give the modern look while reducing the clinical feel of man made materials.



## ...because wood is practical.

A properly finished and maintained surface will happily withstand the heat of a casserole straight from the oven. In the event of accidental damage it is almost always repairable in-situ. Its natural acidity makes it more resistant to bacterial growth than inert surfaces.

## ...because wood is versatile.

We can fabricate wooden worktops in any shape you require. We offer a wide range of detailing, including knife slots, insets for pastry or bread boards, in-lay in contrasting timber, lids for waste chutes and a choice of upstands.

## ...because wood is durable.

When delivered, the timber in your worktops will already be over 100 years old. With proper care they will last another 100 and the patina of age will improve their looks - unlike man made materials.

# WHICH WOOD SHOULD I CHOOSE ?

## THREE TOUGH RESILIENT TIMBERS FOR HEAVY DUTY WORK AREAS

**IROKO** (*Chlorophora*)  
Often called 'African Teak', it is highly resistant to staining. Used throughout the world for boat decks, piers and laboratory surfaces.

**OAK** (*Quercus*)  
A popular temperate hardwood. Its rich colour and fine markings lend grace to any kitchen.

**MAPLE** (*Acer saccharum*)  
A traditional timber for cooking aids. Fine grained, milky white in colour.



OTHER SPECIES OF TIMBER  
(Special requirements)

We will happily quote to supply in species other than those detailed, however we maintain a policy of **only** using timbers from ecologically sound sources which usually means plantation grown, thus sustainably harvested.

## FOUR ALTERNATIVE TIMBERS

The following woods are not suitable for everyday use and are better suited to dresser and table tops. The best finish for these tops is a lacquer surface which we can apply. Contact us for further details.

**ASH** (*Fraxinus*)  
Creamy white in colour with brown figurings.

**BEECH** (*Fagus Sylvatica*)  
Light tan colour with darker flecks.

**CHERRY** (*Prunus*)  
A red/pink wood darkening to rich ochre.

**WALNUT** (*Juglans nigra*)  
Rich dark brown darkening slightly.

# OUR EXPERTISE



We have been producing fine hardwood furniture since 1972. During this time we have made worktops in many shapes and sizes. Being a specialist company, we have knowledge, experience and expertise which cannot be surpassed. We are the 'Original' Hardwood Worktop Specialists that others try to imitate. Try is all they can do, because Bordercraft offer a product of unbeatable quality backed by unrivalled service. From before you order to after you have installed we are here to answer your questions.



A Shaker style kitchen with a Shaker style worktop. Natural timber of course!

# GETTING IT DOWN ON PAPER

To ensure a perfect fit we can prepare a detailed computer drawing, based on your detailed brief and sketch plan. This will show the exact location of all radii, corner joints and design details such as inlay, cut-outs and draining grooves. These working drawings will be submitted for your approval before we start work.



This worktop was installed in 1987 and has been in daily use by a growing family of five. It has developed characteristics of its own which makes it look even better than the day it was fitted.



- Bull-nosed
- Pencil round
- Chamfered
- Ovolo
- Cavetto
- Cyma