

# Blake Johnson

## Woodworker

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### Skills

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Designing, Sketchup, Photoshop, nesting software, drawing for CNC (Aspire). Cabinetry, fine furniture, timberframing, machine and shop maintenance and optimization. Milling, dressing, cutting & joining hardwoods. Working with plywoods in both paint-grade and hardwood-veneer scenarios. HVLP spray systems, hand-oiling. Basic welding and steel fabrication. Efficient & direct project communication, with an interest in understanding goals, and developing efficient workflows, shop setups, and team communication.

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### Experience

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#### Richard Bissell Fine Woodworking / Furniture Maker

September 2020 - PRESENT, Putney, VT

Building pieces made to order, from rough lumber selection through final finishing and packing for shipment. High attention to detail, efficient material use and process planning while sharing shop space, some work with a ShopBot CNC, shop maintenance.

#### Vermont TimberWorks / Timberframer

February 2020 - September 2020, Springfield, VT

Double-check layout from drawings on timbers, cut using all hand tools, test-fitting, site-work, raising, installation of full and partial frames.

#### Ryerson Designs / Playground Builder

2015, 2017, 2018 Seasons, Boston, MA

Chainsaw, power plane and 7" grinders to shape logs into curved, scribed, custom playgrounds. Work with chainfall and 2-part epoxy, shop maintenance.

#### Doriss Design Workshoppe / Cabinetmaker

Fall 2015 - Spring 2017 South Boston, MA

Cutting plywood from nesting software diagrams for cabinet parts, milling and shaping hardwoods, glue-ups, shop maintenance. MIG & TIG welding, HVLP spray lacquer, shop maintenance.

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## Education

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### Massachusetts College of Art & Design / BFA in Sculpture

Fall 2010 - Spring 2014, Boston, MA

I started with woodshop classes, welding and metal casting, drawing, and a timberframing travel program to Poland. I then focused on utilitarian or interactive wooden artworks and usable objects.

### Vancouver Institute of Media Arts / Certificate

February 2008 - February 2009, Vancouver, BC

1-year visual effects diploma program, some experience with graphic design, 3D modeling, animation, compositing, other art/film courses.

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## Additional Experience

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Loki Custom Furniture - Furnituremaker's helper

Hook & Loop - Fabrication and Installation assistant

MIT Museum - Gallery & tech installer

Pacific Studio - Museum exhibit fabrication & installation

Eliot School - Shop Assistant, Outreach and In-House Instructor

HatchSpace - Private & Group Class Woodworking Instructor

TimberFramer's Guild Community Builds - I have attended 6 of these

Some Sketchup experience, interest in developing further design drawing skills

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## References

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### Richard Bissell / Furniture Maker

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### Rich Savoyski/ Timberframer

*Vermont TimberWorks*

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### Mitch Ryerson / Playground Designer

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### Jamie Horgan / Cabinetmaker

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### Heather Dawson / Furniture Maker

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