

Abdollah Nafisi

Furniture Designer Maker

Skills

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The Stables, Tetherstones Hammerpond Road. Plummers Plain,
Horsham, West Sussex, UK

Joinery, woodworking, furniture design, wood turning, metal welding, sculpture,
steam bending, french polishing.

Experience

Nafisi Studio / Bespoke Furniture & Sculpture

April 2015 - PRESENT, Horsham, UK <https://nafisi.design/>

Freelance / Woodworker

Jan 2007 - April 2011, Tehran, Iran

Institute of Iranian Heritage / Photographer

Oct 2002- Jan 2004, Tehran, Iran ichto.ir/

Research and documentation of Iranian architectural heritage sites.

Persian Craft Research / Cultural Studies

April 2002- 2010, Iran [flickr.com/photos](https://www.flickr.com/photos/)

Research and photographic documentation of Architecture.

Education

Institute of Standards Woodworking College / Diploma

Oct 2006 - Sept 2007, Tehran, Iran

University of Art and Architecture Ardakan / BA Degree

Oct 2001 - July 2006, Yazd, Iran

Degree in Oriental Carpet Design. Covering the craft, design, making heritage and
motif symbolism of tribal carpet design.

Nafisi Research Institute / Metal Work Assistant

Aug 1998 - Oct 2000, Tehran, Iran

Other Training

- Two day workshop at the [Robinson House Studio](#) with [Derek Jones](#) - French Polishing
- Three day workshop with [Charlie Whinney](#) - Steam Bending
- Four day class at [West Dean College](#) - Fine Joinery
- One day class with [Colin Norgate](#) - Wood Turning

Exhibitions

Pop up Shop, Facebook HQ London

Nov 2018,, UK

Top Drawer - Olympia, London

2011, UK topdrawer.co.uk/

Top Drawer - Earls Court, London

2012, UK

Top Drawer - Excel, London

2013, UK

Exhibited small wooden craft in collaboration with The Natural Notebook company, promoting the use of sustainable material.

Press

BBC 2 'The Victorian House of Arts & Crafts' TC series

11th Jan 2019, bbc.co.uk/...victorian-house

Abdollah will represent a modern-day woodworker with 5 other crafters and go back in time to the Arts & Crafts movement to see if they can carry out a series of projects with olden day tools and processes.

Furniture & Cabinet Making Magazine

Date pending 2018, UK thegmcgroup.com

Asked to be featured in a 2 page spread writing about the making process behind our bespoke kitchen dresser 'Sue & Nick'.

Teaching

Steam Bending Class

Oct 2018, [Facebook London Product Team, UK](#)

Taught a beginner's steam bending class and introduction to wood for a corporate team bonding offsite

Woodworking Class at Charlie Whinney Studio

Oct 2017, Cumbria, UK

Guest teacher and lecturer for a 'Introduction to Woodworking' 2 day course for the apprentices of Charlie Whinney Steam-Bending Studio.