

Curly Maple and Cherry Bureau with Carved Curly Cherry Drawers

Featured Piece of the Month – December, 2020

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This is one of my favorite pieces. The bureau for my daughter-in-law was built in the February/March, 2018 timeframe. The top and side frames are curly soft maple, the drawer fronts and backs are carved curly cherry, and the raised side panels are cherry, as well. Drawer sides, bottoms and dividers are basswood. The top is attached with sliding dovetails to the sides.

The drawers involve more demanding woodworking. The drawer pulls are carved into the bottom of the drawer fronts, dovetails are left 1/2" proud. I used Blum soft close undermount sliders for the drawers.



The following pictures were taken in the Arts and Craft Boston Show. The picture on the left was taken in fisheye mode with direct sunlight from the skylight in the Velodrome in Boston. The picture on the right was taken as the bureau was displayed in the booth along with other McKenna pieces.

