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Laura Bennett

Finish carpenter specialist

Detail-obsessed finish carpenter specialist with seven years of experience delivering precision custom millwork, trim installations, and built-in cabinetry for luxury residential and high-end commercial properties. Skilled in advanced joinery, surface finishing, and client-facing communication. Consistently achieves exceptionally high client satisfaction rates through meticulous craftsmanship, proactive communication, and on-time project delivery.

CONTACT

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KEY SKILLS

- Custom millwork design and installation (crown, base, wainscoting, coffered ceilings)
- Precision cutting and fitting (1/32-inch tolerance on luxury installs)
- Surface staining, lacquering, and polyurethane finishing
- Built-in cabinetry, shelving, and entertainment center construction
- Client consultation and design specification translation
- Advanced joinery: coping, dovetail, mortise and tenon
- Blueprint and shop drawing interpretation
- Project timeline management and client reporting
- Hand and power tool mastery (router, jigsaw, miter saw, pocket hole jig)

EDUCATION

Diploma in Fine Carpentry San Diego
Carpentry Academy
San Diego, CA | March 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FINISH CARPENTER SPECIALIST | ELITE DESIGNS, SAN DIEGO, CA
APRIL 2017 – PRESENT

- Delivered custom woodwork solutions for 80+ high-end residential and luxury commercial clients, achieving a 98% client satisfaction rate across all projects based on post-completion surveys
- Installed 40+ complete custom millwork packages including coffered ceilings, wainscoting, crown molding, and built-in bookcases for luxury properties valued at \$2M to \$12M
- Improved project timelines by 15% through streamlined pre-installation planning, including pre-cut material delivery, sequenced installation schedules, and client change order management
- Applied lacquer, stain, and conversion varnish finishes to 50+ installations using HVLP spray systems, achieving zero finish defects on any delivered project
- Collaborated directly with 12 interior designers and 5 architects to translate design visions into precise shop drawings and field installations, earning repeat referrals on 70% of completed projects
- Mentored 2 apprentice carpenters in finish techniques, quality standards, and client interaction protocols, both of whom advanced to independent finish roles within 18 months
- Managed tools, supplies, and project materials for concurrent projects totaling \$300K+ in annual contract value, maintaining zero material shortfalls or schedule delays

CERTIFICATIONS

- Journeyman Carpenter Certificate, California Department of Industrial Relations, March 2020
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety, OSHA, March 2022
- HVLP Spray Finishing Certification, Finishing Contractors Association, June 2019

Relevant Coursework: Advanced
Joinery, Cabinet Making, Surface
Finishing, Design for Woodworking