

PATRICIA OKAFOR

Carpenter

Master carpenter with 22 years across custom residential, historic restoration, and timber frame. Run jobs from estimate through final walkthrough, manage subs, and mentor crews to journey-level standards. Known for tight joinery, accurate bids, and clients who hire twice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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KEY SKILLS

- Custom residential project estimating and bidding (\$40K to \$600K+)
- Timber frame layout and traditional mortise-and-tenon joinery
- Historic restoration carpentry to state preservation standards
- Hand-cut staircase design and fabrication
- Blueprint reading, framing layout, and roof cutting
- Crew supervision, hiring, and apprentice-to-journeyman training
- Subcontractor scheduling and trade coordination
- Material takeoffs and scope documentation
- Fine trim, inset cabinetry, and coffered ceiling work
- Client consultation, change orders, and final walkthroughs
- Job site safety compliance (OSHA 30, fall protection, lead-safe work)
- Hardwood selection and milling (black walnut, cherry, white oak)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 - Present

Owner / Master Carpenter, Greenmount Custom Woodwork LLC, Burlington, VT

- Built the company from solo trim work to a 7-person shop with \$1.4M in 2024 revenue.
- Estimate, bid, and run 8 to 12 custom projects per year, ranging from \$40K kitchens to \$620K full home renovations.
- Designed and cut a 28-foot black walnut staircase featured in Vermont Home magazine, 2022.
- Hire and train carpenters, with three crew members topping out to journeyman under my supervision.
- Hold a 96% on-time delivery rate over the last three years.

2007 - 2014

Lead Carpenter / Foreman, Heritage Restoration Partners, Montpelier, VT

- Led restoration carpentry on 14 historic homes and two 19th-century barns under Vermont Division for Historic Preservation guidelines.
- Rebuilt original sash windows, hand-cut mortise-and-tenon joints, and matched salvaged trim profiles.
- Supervised crews of 4 to 8 across simultaneous job sites.
- Wrote scope documents and material takeoffs for the project manager.
- Trained junior carpenters on traditional hand-tool methods and timber frame layout.

2002 - 2007

Journeyman Carpenter, Lakeshore Custom Homes, Plattsburgh, NY

- Framed and trimmed 30+ custom homes on Lake Champlain waterfront.
- Built site-made staircases, coffered ceilings, and inset cabinetry.
- Ran the trim crew on the company's three largest jobs of 2006.
- Earned master carpenter recognition from the New York State Builders Association.

1997 - 2002

Carpenter / Apprentice, Hudson Valley Framing, Kingston, NY

- Completed 4-year carpentry apprenticeship and topped out in 2001.
- Framed production housing and learned blueprint reading, layout, and roof cutting.
- Trained under a third-generation master carpenter on traditional joinery.

EDUCATION

Carpentry Apprenticeship, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 291, Kingston, NY, 2001

Certificate in Historic Preservation Carpentry, Preservation Trades Network, 2010

OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Certification, 2019 (renewed)

Lead Renovator (RRP) Certification, EPA, 2013

Timber Framers Guild, Apprentice-to-Journeyman Workshop Series, 2008-2011

Vermont Residential Contractor Registration, #VT-RC-08842