



Our Timber

English Oak

Most of our wooden gifts are made from Superior Grade English Oak, prized by carpenters for its natural beauty and stability. We have a fantastic supply of this wonderful material right here on our doorstep in the Surrey Hills. Managed on an historic English estate, the oak we use is felled and sawn less than 20 miles from the MMSS workshop.

As with the American White Oak we use for our kitchen boards, we source only the heartwood of the tree and the majority of this is quarter sawn. Apart from being the most stable and warp-resistant portion of the tree, it often displays a striking but subtle ribbon-like pattern called Medullary Rays which streak across the grain.

American Black Walnut

You may have chosen American Black Walnut, a dark and richly-figured alternative to English Oak. This species is native to the Northern Appalachian region of the USA and we have conscientiously sourced our supply from sustainable, responsibly managed Amish saw mills.



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Wooden Gifts



About Us

Nestled deep in the Surrey Hills of the UK, Make Me Something Special is an award winning family run business founded by Ben and Davina, in 2007.

We began as a specialist manufacturer of high quality wooden chopping boards for professional chefs but MMSS has since become one of the UK's favourite bespoke wooden gift makers with a flourishing product range – now over 300 items!

The reason for this impressive growth is simple: we proudly value craftsmanship and attention to detail above all else. Customers have continued to request new and unique products, safe in the knowledge that their ideas will be realised with genuine care, creativity and expertise, combining traditional craftsmanship and cutting-edge production techniques.

We have also built a growing list of corporate clients including; The National Trust, The BBC, SKY, Yeo Valley, Knorr, Arm, JRR Tolkien Trust, The Beatrix Potter Foundation, The Telegraph, Emma Bridgewater, Google, the UK Armed Forces, District Councils, Luxury Family Hotels, The Portman Burtley Estate, Wig & Pen, Watches of Switzerland, Center Parcs, The Goring, Hamleys and many more. We have even made items for the British Royal Family, including a personalised oak toybox for Prince George's first Christmas!

"We Design and create perfect gifts for any occasion. Each piece of wood is hand picked for its natural beauty, transformed by hand and engraved with your personal inscription to make it truly individual."

Ben, co-founder, Make Me Something Special



About Your Wooden Gift

We hope you are happy with your new MMSS wooden product. Wood is a natural material and it will age over time. To keep it looking and performing at its best, we recommend that you follow the simple care and oiling advice below. Please keep this Care Guide safe for future reference.

If the wood becomes particularly dry, small cracks a few millimetres in width may appear. This is entirely normal and is regarded as a feature of the timber's natural beauty. If you wish, these cracks can be easily filled with specially coloured Liberon Wax Filler sticks available from MMSS or DIY stores.

Your product has been oiled using Liberon Superior Danish Oil, EN71 certified as safe to use on children's toys. We recommend that you continue to use Liberon Superior Danish Oil for ongoing product care. This can be purchased from DIY stores or supplied by MMSS.



To keep your MMSS product looking great we recommend oiling regularly with Liberon Superior Danish Oil

- ♥ NEVER leave your wooden product to soak in water.
- ♥ NEVER put your product in the dishwasher.
- ♥ Do not leave anything moist on your product for long periods.
- ♥ Do not place your product on a wet or damp surface.
- ♥ Do not leave your product in direct sunlight or on a hot surface.

A note about door stops:

Our personalised rustic door stops are handcrafted from beautiful selected part-dried English Oak beams.

They contain knots and cracks which can widen as the wood dries out. Please note that new cracks may also develop and it may become necessary to reposition the rubber feet as these widen over time.

