

Four Drawer Jewelry Chest

This was shown at the December 2021 Craft Corner by Lee Stearns

The Process:

- The woods were a maple front face, cherry middle and a maple back face.
- Glued together two thick pieces of cherry and glued on the front (only) maple. This made a four-inch stack to be cut by the scroll bandsaw, well below its limit.
- Cut the chest outer shape with a regular bandsaw, then sanded with the orbital sander.
- Cut out the drawers.
 - Drawers were cut out using the Pegas scroll bandsaw. We used a ½ degree tilt of the blade to taper the cavity to better have the drawers come out. The Pegas scroll bandsaw was key to this project.
 - Cut off the front and the back of the drawers.
 - Cut out the inside of the drawers.
 - Glued back on the drawer fronts and backs.
 - Made and glued on the drawer pulls.
- Glued on the back-side maple. Band sawed it to close to the shape of the body, then sanded.
- Throughout this, we sanded things for smoothness and fit.
- We used Titebond III everywhere except we used gel super glue for the drawer pulls.

Finish

- Boiled linseed oil was the primary finish. It's great for cherry. It also covered the maple.
- Shellac was used over the boiled linseed oil.
 - We masked off the maple and applied amber shellac on the cherry.
 - When that was done, we used blonde shellac for the maple without masking.
 - Amber shellac turns maple a bit yellow. It's very nice for cherry.