

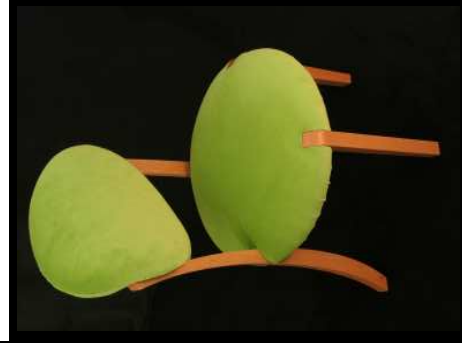
Grant Sonnex - Furniture Maker

Grant Sonnex, an award-winning radio presenter and producer with the BBC Natural History Unit for almost 20 years, has made a bold career change and launched a new business as a furniture designer and maker in the heart of Wotton-under-Edge.

Most of Grant's work is on one-off commissions for contemporary fine furniture, made from British or European hardwoods. These are beautiful and functional pieces, individually designed after consultation with the client and hand-made to the highest standards. Anything from refined dovetailed boxes and cabinets to eye-catching dining suites, kitchen and bedroom furniture. And as well as the very high-end furniture Grant also makes affordable and practical fitted furniture for households in the local area. Shelving for an awkward corner, cupboards and wardrobes to fit your particular rooms – the sort of things you can't get in Ikea.



Beautiful works of Art from sustainable sources



After leaving the BBC, Grant trained at the Devon workshop of leading furniture designer, David Savage – a great opportunity for Grant to learn from master craftsmen and take a lifelong interest to a whole new level of professionalism. But he certainly hasn't left his natural history roots behind him.

“For years now I've been photographing and painting local landscapes and I find that the shapes of the natural world are always influencing my furniture designs. And because of what I've learned about the conservation of forests and woodlands, I make sure that the wood for my furniture comes from sustainable sources so that the furniture and the wildlife will be there for generations.”



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So WHY give up a globetrotting, wildlife-watching career to make furniture?
“The radio work has been fascinating, and the people and wildlife will always stay with me, but I also love to design and make things with my hands and now I have the chance for that to really flourish. Plus I get to walk to work every day across the fields with my dog – and that's worth a lot!”

You can see more of Grant's work and contact him at www.grant-sonnex.finefurnituremaker.com

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