

Oeben Kickstarter Marquetry Panel (February 2021)

Introduction

Thank you for supporting the Oeben mechanical table re-creation project. This marquetry panel is a section of the table top created specially for backers. It, and the frame in which it is contained, was hand built (without any power tools!) by J. Leko Furniture Maker in his Lowe Mill studio, #119, on 2211 Seminole Drive, Huntsville, AL.

Materials

Wood: dyed sycamore

Panel finish: Clear shellac and wax

Frame finish: wax

Frame: materials vary

Care

When placing this panel, be cognizant of the following: keep out of direct sunlight, and away from heat sources as this will degrade its contents and soften the finish. Exposure to strong lighting may cause wood, and dye colors to alter. Avoid moist or damp areas. It is intended for indoors only. Refrain from using alcohol of any kind around the piece as it will dissolve the finish. Wipe panel with a damp cloth followed by a dry one to remove dust and dirt.

Professional Repair Information

The panel was top coated with shellac followed by paste wax. Minor damage to the finish can be erased by rubbing a cloth moistened in alcohol across affected area. Refinish by sanding affected area to remove loose debris, then recoat with shellac. Buff to final finish using 0000 steel wool and wax.

Construction

This panel has been constructed for durability, and repairability. Hide glue was used to adhere the veneer piece to the substrate. Lose, or detached pieces can be replaced using hide glue. No need to scrape, or remove old glue. Just be certain old glue has been re-liquified before setting piece. Once glued, clamp overnight to allow glue to dry. The panel floats within the frame to allow for seasonal wood movement. Some rattling may occur when the piece is handled. This is normal. Attach mounting fasteners to the frame only, never the panel. These should be located towards the frame edges to avoid the grooves in which the panel is held.