



EUROPEAN WALNUT PERFECT FOR THIS BESPOKE RECEPTION DESK



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Here at Quercus, we pride ourselves on being able to meet our customers' needs for any job, no matter the size, complexity or specifications of the order; we will always go the extra mile to exceed expectations.

Because of this, we deal with a range of special requests for wood that will eventually go on to be beautiful windows, tables, furniture and other products upon completion.

Now, we thought we would focus on one job which had been successfully completed recently, because it is unusual in a couple of ways.

We were approached by a customer of ours, with whom we have an excellent relationship, because they wanted to source some walnut that was going to be made into a bespoke reception desk.

This may seem like a fairly straightforward request first of all, however, this job is a bit peculiar because they wanted the desk to be made of European Walnut. This is unusual because the vast majority of walnut used in the UK is American Black Walnut.

The European variety of this timber is in low demand and even lower supply, which made it trickier to source, as it is a rare species in our domestic market. However, the customer, who was working closely with an architect, had a clear vision in mind of how they wanted the desk to look, and we were able to accommodate this.

It was highlighted from the outset, by both the architect and our customer, that the project would require some selection, due to the demanding nature of the finish required.

The architect wanted to make the most of the natural curvature of the walnut logs, and so requested the joiners to joint the desk along the curve as opposed to the traditional square edge jointing method.

Due to the special design of the desk, the architect was keen to select through the boards with the joiner and ourselves to select their desired pieces. We subsequently sent the material to the joinery manufacturer who machined and joined the pieces using templates to mirror the curves.

This project resulted in a stunning bespoke reception desk being built for a new office in Cambridgeshire, and the decisions and processes taken by the customer, Quercus and their architect all played a part in its creation.



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