

my precious Home. My thoughts.

I live surrounded by nature.

The rhythms of life are close at hand.

Around me I see many examples in nature of containers created to hold precious contents.

Birds make nests to hold their young.

Trees make pods to hold and protect seeds that are full of potential.

An egg is a perfect container for new life.

We make houses, a cabinet if you like, surrounding what we hold dear.

Often in nature, a 'house' is fragile and impermanent. The structure serves a purpose, but once the occupants move on or the new life emerges, the structure breaks down and is dispersed. It then exists as memory.

Nature has taught me that the structures we surround ourselves with are vague, fragile outlines with little value on their own. They are given shape and meaning by the life created and lived within. Shared experiences, memory making, joys and sadnesses are the materials that form a solid, living core.

I want to create a container that reflects these personal thoughts about what is precious to me, Home.

my precious Home. The container

Dimensions: 240mm wide x 345mm high x 300mm deep

To create a sense of a fragile outer shell whose outline is not solid, but blurry and vague, I will use 40 very thinly cut (1.5mm thick) square sheets of American Oak or Birch.

All but two of these sheets will be 300mm x 300mm. The remaining two sheets will be 300mm wide x 345mm high. These two sheets will form the legs of the piece.

These sheets will be thin enough to warp and distort. This will be unpredictable and will hopefully create a sense of the temporary.

I will separate each of these sheets with a thicker (4mm) and smaller (210mm x 210mm) sheet of a dark timber, possibly Wenge.

Once all these sheets are laminated together I hope that the darker timber laminations will appear as a solid heavier box floating within the light, fragile outer shell.

From the centre of each sheet a 150mm x 150mm square hole will be laser cut. Once all sheets are laminated together this will create a void right through the solid lamination.

A small drawer will be made to sit inside this void. The drawer will also be made from Wenge.

The drawer will contain items that are symbolic of Home and are precious to me.









