

# Abdollah Nafisi

## Furniture Designer Maker

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### Skills

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### Experience

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Tetherstones Stables, Hammerpond Road. Plummers Plain,  
Horsham, West Sussex, UK

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Joinery, cabinetry, woodworking, furniture design, wood turning, metal  
welding, sculpture, steam bending, french polishing.

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#### **Nafisi Studio / Bespoke Furniture & Sculpture**

April 2015 - PRESENT, Horsham, UK

British-Persian duo, safeguarding traditional joinery skills by making  
and designing bespoke furniture and sculpture, tied with modern luxury,  
handcrafted in the UK.

#### **Freelance / Woodworker**

Jan 2007 - April 2011, Tehran, Iran

Bespoke woodwork on commission for commercial projects such as  
'Levis Store' in Tehran and a 5 star boutique hotel 'Shayan'.

#### **Institute of Iranian Heritage / Photographer**

Oct 2002- Jan 2004, Tehran, Iran [ichto.ir/](http://ichto.ir/)

Research and documentation of Iranian architectural heritage sites  
across Iran.

#### **Persian Craft Research / Cultural Studies**

April 2002- 2010, Iran [flickr.com/photos](https://www.flickr.com/photos/)

Research and photographic documentation of Architectural and  
gravestone patterns across Iran. Collecting studies of music and  
handcrafts.

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## Press

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### BBC 2 'The Victorian House of Arts & Crafts' TC series

11th Jan 2019, [bbc.co.uk/...victorian-house](http://bbc.co.uk/...victorian-house)

Abdollah will represent a modern-day woodworker with 5 other crafters and go back in time to the Arts & Crafts movement to see if they can carry out a series of projects with olden day tools and processes.

### Furniture & Cabinet Making Magazine

Date pending 2018, UK [thegmcgroup.com](http://thegmcgroup.com)

Asked to be featured in a 2 page spread writing about the making process behind our bespoke kitchen dresser 'Sue & Nick'.

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## Exhibitions

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### Pop up Shop, Facebook HQ London

Nov 2018,, UK

### Top Drawer - Olympia, London

2011, UK [topdrawer.co.uk/](http://topdrawer.co.uk/)

### Top Drawer - Earls Court, London

2012, UK

### Top Drawer - Excel, London

2013, UK

Exhibited small wooden craft in collaboration with The Natural Notebook company, promoting the use of sustainable material.

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## Teaching

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### Steam Bending Class

Oct 2018, [Facebook London Product Team, UK](#)

Taught a beginner's steam bending class and introduction to wood for a corporate team bonding offsite

### Woodworking Class at Charlie Whinney Studio

Oct 2017, Cumbria, UK

Guest teacher and lecturer for a 'Introduction to Woodworking' 2 day course for the apprentices of Charlie Whinney Steam-Bending Studio.