

Client: International Furniture Show
Location: Birmingham, West Midlands
Brief: Design and produce an inspired, cutting edge design that challenged perceptions

The request to design a piece of furniture for the International Furniture Show was hard to resist. The brief was simple and required us to showcase the innovative design skills and creative manufacturing of the West Midlands, to an international audience.

To design with complete freedom is a luxury and a rare privilege but it is not without its concerns. You have the opportunity to create something special, something unique. But will you have the stroke of genius, that moment of inspiration that provides the spark to create a design classic?

The Company's design team set about interpreting this most open of challenges. After many hours of consultation and debate the final concept was fantastic; the challenge however, was immense. Would it be conceivable to transform a functional table into a work of art, and if so, was it possible to devise an efficient mechanism that would be both quick and simple, alternating between the two forms?

The design of this mechanism would be pivotal in every way; without it the project would need significantly rethinking. We entered a collaborative period where mechanisms were discussed, ideas sketched, plans drawn and prototypes were built. Some ideas were impractical; others showed promise, before eventually the craftsmen and designers created a system that worked. It was this system that gives the table its name – 'Revolver'.

As bespoke furniture designers, we are inspired by the challenge of creating something new that takes us beyond merely a satisfactory solution, to something unique, beautiful and unexpected. Design can often be a solitary process, a fundamental pursuit, often, both lengthy and challenging, but in keeping with the best designs the conclusion should appear simple, elegant and inspired.

Shown here, in two very distinct contemporary styles, **Revolver** is a triumph of creativity and craftsmanship.



Specification

Oak top with painted or Oak base
Walnut top with painted or Walnut base
Size 1500mm diameter x 750mm high

Contact information

If you feel we could help you with the design and production of your bespoke furniture requirements please contact me, Neil Stevenson, Managing Director, NEJ Stevenson on 02476 544662 or email me at neil@nejstevenson.co.uk