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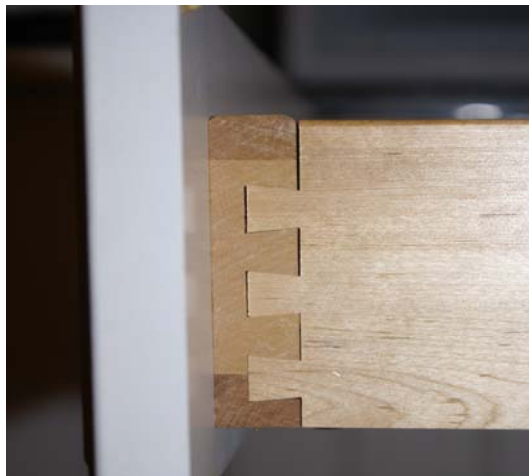
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Dovetail Drawer Benefits

A cabinet drawer is quite simply, a box. There are numerous methods to construct a drawer with regards to materials and joint design. The joint design is important as each time a drawer is opened or closed, the drawer front undergoes a significant amount of stress. The more a drawer is used, the better the construction needs to be to ensure it does not fail. In the case of a silverware drawer, this could easily be opened 5 to 10 times per day, or up to 3,650 per year. Over ten years, the drawer would be opened more than 36,000 times!

The strength of a joint primarily comes from two factors ... 1) how the two pieces of wood are connected and 2) the size of the gluing area. In a dovetail joint, a series of pins are cut into the end of piece of wood which interlock with a series of tails cut in the end of another board. Once glued, a dovetail joint requires no additional mechanical fasteners. The picture below provides an example of a typical dovetail drawer joint.



The dovetail is one of the strongest joints used in cabinet construction. The pins and tails can only be joined together in one direction, similar to putting your hand in a glove. Once the glove is on, it will not come off except by sliding your hand back out. When the drawer is opened, the pressure actually makes the joint tighter. In addition to locking mechanically, the joint creates a very large surface area for gluing. The more glue in a joint, the stronger the joint will be.

The KitchenWright is a strong proponent of dovetail drawers as the strength of this joint will help ensure the cabinet drawer performs over a long period of time.

Spiceland Wood Products Connection

The KitchenWright is not just located in Carmel, it has a second branch in Spiceland, Indiana (south of New Castle), under the Spiceland Wood Products name. Two locations provides a number of benefits to our customers, including ...

- Ability to service a larger geographic area. In addition to Greater Indianapolis, our two locations allow us to serve Muncie, Anderson, and other communities in East Central Indiana.
- Broader product lines to meet specific project requirements. Between our two locations, we have access to cabinet lines for any budget, ensuring the ability to provide you with the desired style and finish at a variety of costs.
- Our Spiceland location includes a woodworking shop with the capability to manufacture custom cabinets, moldings, and even furniture. The ability to make custom cabinet pieces can be very beneficial in updating unique spaces.



- Both locations continue to create award-winning designs, provide expert attention throughout a project, and focus on creating happy, satisfied customers.

Cash for Clunker Appliances

While all the details are not currently available, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$300 million of funding to improve energy efficiency and to stimulate the economy. The program will be run by the state and provides a rebate when a qualifying Energy Star appliance is purchased. Funds should be available later this year, likely in time for Christmas shopping. We will keep you posted on the program as details become available. In the meantime, the attached link provides additional information.



<http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/moneymatters/a/cashappliances.htm?p=1>

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