

NZ Master Joiner Awards 2020

BEST APPRENTICE AWARD

Providing dual purpose functionality for a tiny house, this stair 'n' storage project with sentimental value was lapped up by our 4th year apprentice.



Client Brief:

I would like to create a staircase from the timber my late husband has collected over the years. It needs to connect the lounge of my tiny home to the bedroom, whilst maintaining a clever way to access the storage within the staircase.

Apprentice Brief:

Having had some time in the 'real world' this apprentice is in his 30's and has spent his entire joinery journey with us. In the 4th year of his apprenticeship, he was thrilled to be crafting this extra special stair 'n' storage project.

Key Features:

- ◆ Mixture of timber species
- ◆ Full extension, soft closing drawers and side finger pull setup
- ◆ Varied length drawers to suit each available depth
- ◆ Maximum storage for a difficult space

Challenges:

- ◆ The clients late husband had been collecting timber his whole life and had a garage full of mixed gauges and species. This required carefully selecting the timber and working around each pieces available size and colour to yield the best possible result.
- ◆ Each tread had to be reinforced to withstand the weight of someone walking on them while ensuring the drawers could function correctly.
- ◆ Coming up with a creative way to open the drawers, as push to open or handles were impractical and we needed to mitigate any element of risk.

