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# HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

#### Dreamy bed made from simple child's sketch



# Sketches from Cornwall

The brief can arrive in any form, pictures of sketches, iPhone doodles or full plans. Pinterest & Instagram provide a shared platform for ideas. This builds my understanding of requirements and aesthetics.

## **Remote Working**

A first for me! Measurements were taken remotely and checked over FaceTime, so the first time I entered the property was when fitting the bed.

#### **Environmental**

Generally I employ traditional cabinetmaking techniques, I choose not to use chipboard and only quality plywood for carcasses. Man-made boards can contain toxins (formaldehyde) which cause harm, and emissions during production. Eventual disposal will lead to leeching as the these products degrade. My furniture is designed to last many generations, and can be re-finished too.

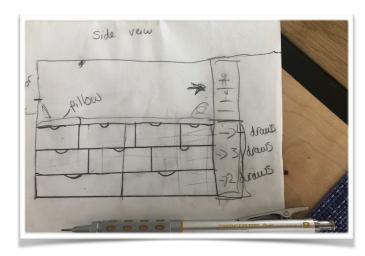


# **Meet Mea**

Her dream room required moving a stud wall to enlarge her bedroom into her sisters's enormous double room (Much to her annoyance!). Mea needed a bed and storage to fill the space exactly.

## The Humblest beginnings

Mea sent me a simple sketch to begin with and the brief was for lots of storage and clean lines. I talked to Mea and we discussed lots of options. It helped that she had a very clear idea in her mind, but imagination is very much the realm of the young! (I had to change the drawer configuration so the units could be separated for transport). Features like real Unicorns and a sweet's fridge were either impractical or vetoed by parents (!)



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#### **Timeline**

The costs involved in Bespoke are simply of a different order to that of mass-produced; consider:

- Initial design
- Construction drawings.
- Sourcing of materials and specialist fittings.
- Mock-ups.
- Construction, finishing, painting etc.
- Disassembly, delivery and careful onsite installation.

# **Flexibility**

Multiple modes of function, clever or intricate designs to your specification, the possibilities are limited by our imagination!

### Requirements

The bed had to neatly and completely fill the gap created by the moved wall. It would consist of a bed on top of extensive storage. There also had to be safe access. The style, in Mea's words, "is EXACTLY what I had in my head".





#### LOTS AND LOTS OF STORAGE!

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