

Saving the world one piece of furniture at a time.



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Challenges and successes in re-using, recycling, and sourcing materials.

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Challenge: Recycling 140.000 pieces of furniture for a large hotel chain.

- Provide a solution to modify existing furniture
- Maintain branding elements
- Limit structural modification to a minimum due to cost constraints
- Maintain customer and staff behavior patterns in refitted design pieces

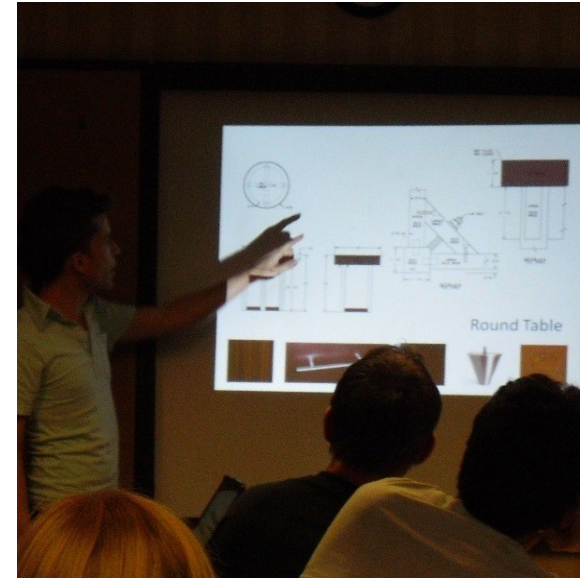


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Brainstorming and Design



Recommendations:

- Re-glaze entire collection in “Mocha” stain
- Use laminate on all top surfaces
- Modify top edge detail to fit new styling cues
- Modify base structure to add “box base” as detailed, allowing for a lighter visual weight and consistency.
- Replace existing hardware
- Modify legs with metal cap
- Add hutch to existing desk
- Eliminate top of armoire to provide for larger flat-panel TV



...from design to prototyping.





Flower Power!

Challenge: Recycling scrap material to produce a new line of furniture and accessories.



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Collecting...



Cutting...



Shaping...



Making...



Back to life!