

Fort Standard

Lead Woodworker / Builder

Introduction:

Fort Standard is a contemporary design studio producing heirloom quality products and furniture. Pairing high quality materials with an obsessive approach to craft, we believe in generating value through good design helping transform everyday spaces into ideal living environments. As a team, we emphasize sharing, exploration and community throughout our day in order to achieve clearly defined goals in pursuit of our greater vision.

We take great pride in producing the work that we put into the world and seek to hire others who take pride in their work ethic and can contribute as needed in order to become an essential part of our small team.

Description:

We are currently seeking an experienced full-time woodworker in our Red Hook, Brooklyn woodshop. Subway access is limited, so please ensure your commute is acceptable before applying.

This is a full-time in house position with competitive compensation including workers comp. Salary will be commensurate with experience and ability to become an integral part of our team.

The position requires physical labor and applicants must have relevant hands-on building experience making hardwood furniture in a woodshop setting. Applicants must be able to read and work from drawings and possess all general woodworking skills so any training provided is more detail oriented than general skill training.

Operating hours are Monday – Friday from 9:30 – 6:00 with a 45 minute unpaid lunch break. Occasional weekends and overtime may be required during exceptionally busy times. Otherwise, workdays and hours can be relatively flexible depending on what the production schedule allows.

Skills & Requirements:

- Minimum 3 + years experience building furniture professionally
- Must be punctual and reliable with good communication skills
- Must be naturally highly self-motivated
- Knowledge of various building materials, wood species and hardwood characteristics
- Knowledge of general woodworking machinery: lathe, jointer, planer, table saw, band saw etc.
- Experienced in machine set up and general safety measures
- Able to lift and carry significant weights such as large stone and wood table tops
- Knowledge of safe hand tool practices
- Detail oriented with high level of craftsmanship
- Ability to distinguish variations in color and texture
- Finishing experience, HVLP and hand applied techniques
- Ability to solve problems quickly and effectively
- Ability to accurately measure and quickly do simple math required to build accurately
- Ability to read drawings and independently build to specifications provided

- Maintain a high degree of accountability and responsibility
- Ability to work independently and with a small team
- Ability to work at a quick and intentional pace
- Perform to a consistent high standard
- Able to complete an 8-hour workday
- Must have a valid driver's license

Production Responsibilities:

- Oversee and execute all furniture production
- Maintain a well-organized and clean shop space
- Receive building materials and keep shop supplies in stock
- Select and purchase wood and other building materials
- Make local pick-ups and furniture deliveries
- Help keep an accurate inventory of material and furniture parts in house
- Assist with the other various odd jobs when necessary. We all wear many hats

Managerial Responsibilities:

- Ensure production stays on schedule
- Liaise among different departments, e.g. vendors, suppliers, manager and owner
- Responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of tools, equipment and shop space
- Installing/de-installing tradeshow booths with owner
- Managing interns if/when they are doing production work

*Applicants must include the following to be considered for the position:

1. **Resume** – Clearly list previous employers, positions held and length of time committed
2. **Cover letter** – Please address your long-term goals and interests and include a brief informal description of past work experiences and why you believe you are well suited for this position.
3. **References** – Please include at least three references

*Applicants must be prepared to commit to a full day trial working with owner in order to gauge skill level and experience.

Please submit your response as a PDF document to positions@fortstandard.com. The subject line of your email should read: **WOODWORKER POSITION + YOUR NAME**