the Designing with Wood program

DwW helps BC industrial designers get familiar with wood and the wood products industry by providing technical assistance and by creating opportunities for designers to meet companies that may be interested in manufacturing their products. DwW is coordinated by the Centre for Advanced Wood Processing at UBC, a training and industry support unit for Canada’s value-added wood processing industry.

Here is a snapshot of what we can offer through DwW:

- One-on-one technical mentoring to help designers understand the properties of different wood-based materials and select the best materials for a particular product application
- One-on-one technical mentoring on software and processing machinery used in the woodworking industry, including 3D CAD and computer-numerical-control (CNC) equipment
- Consultation and advice on industry structure and supply chains and how to find a manufacturer that can produce your product
- Prototyping and product testing services
- An evening matchmaking session where designers can present ideas to manufacturers who are looking for ways to utilize spare production capacity

How it Works

Call us today to schedule a meeting. Technical mentoring and consultation services are available on an hourly or daily basis, and generous funding support exists for BC-based designers. Prototyping and product testing costs vary depending on the complexity of the project and the equipment required – please inquire. If you are interested in attending the matchmaking evening, call us and add your name to our list – we will email you when the dates are set.

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