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The bench. It's an invitation to sit and relax. Whether it's in a park, on the boardwalk, in a museum, or at a bus stop, it's hard to pass it by without sitting for a moment. A bench can be utilitarian, a place to sit and take off one's shoes when arriving home. It can be decorative, an accent in a hallway or beneath a window. It can be a place to sit and meditate in a private corner of the house.

The bench is one of the simplest pieces of furniture, and probably one of the oldest. Benches can be plain or ornate. Wood, metal, concrete or stone. And there's always room for a bench.

Robert Shapiro of Balsera Woodworks creates custom-made furniture, and he can make a bench that will become an heirloom in your home. A Balsera Woodworks bench can be made to your exact specifications and needs. You can choose from a variety of woods, stains and finishes. Your bench can have a back, a storage shelf, or decorative details that show off your unique style.

After working for more than 25 years as a chef in some of NYC's most prestigious restaurants, Robert Shapiro decided to pursue his dream of being a full-time woodworker. He spent six years making furniture in his

tiny spare bedroom in Carroll Gardens and decided that it was finally time to start his own workshop. In the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, on New York's waterfront, he started Balsera Woodworks in 2005. Now Balsera Woodworks has a new home in the up-and-coming Gowanus Canal neighborhood.

For more information, please call Balsera Woodworks at 718.875.2401.

The result will be a beautiful bench that you can pass down to the next generation.



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