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HOT STUFF****WOOD WORKS****Gate Builder Finds the Web Can Open Doors**

A strong streak of creativity runs in Charles Prowell's family. The Sebastopol furniture maker-gate builder learned wood-working from his father and grandfather, and was influenced by his mother, a designer and artist.

Prowell has taken this family tradition and put his own mark on it. "I've always preferred to create a look over the years that's synonymous with my work," he says. This look includes a harmony with nature; his gates, for example,

blend with their settings and add an open, welcoming element to a home.

Prowell's custom-designed furniture runs the gamut from desks to dining room tables — "just about any piece of furniture in the house" — and ranges in price from about \$1,100 for a coffee table to \$2,500 or more for a dining room table.

Now, Charles Prowell Woodworks has taken to the Internet to promote a line of six basic gate designs (a Western red cedar

gate made for a Larkspur home is pictured); prices start at about \$500. Go to the Web site, select a style and dimensions, and you'll get a price quote, which includes tax and shipping.

Prowell is also happy to work with clients to custom design furniture and gates.

For more information, call Charles Prowell Woodworks at (707) 823-8652 or visit the Web site at www.prowell.com/merce/woodworks.

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