

# "CHERRY BRIGHT"

## TAPER-LEGGED HALL TABLE

### Appalachian Black Cherry

Without exception, every woodworker's dream is to discover a rare and wonderful slab of timber and fashion it into a work of art that exhibits such strong grain and design as to give the table a charmed, bright attitude. Touching is required...

The basis for this piece of wood art began with the unexpected discovery of a magnificent plank of highly figured curly Appalachian black cherry (*Prunus serotina*). Properly aged, crafted and finished black cherry timber rivals any other wood in the world for its stability, durability, exotic pattern, intense figuring, dark-gum highlights, chatoyance (opalescence reminiscent of looking into a cat's eye) and deep patina that will develop over time. Gracefully curved ends with an artful chamfer were added to the top to complete the design.

The book-matched table legs and apron pieces have also been fashioned from a single plank of figured black cherry. Each piece of timber has been carefully selected to compliment the overall design as well as the unique character of the other pieces. The hand-tapered legs exhibit a slight taper on the inner sides to compliment the fine lines of the table while giving the appearance that the piece is balancing on its toes. Adjustable felt feet allow the table to sit flat and level on uneven floors.

To add strength and stability to the table precise hand-chiseled mortise-and-tenon joints (Japanese jigoku-kusabi joinery technique) have been used for the attachment of all pieces to create a table that will last for generations.

The table has been hand finished with a durable satin lacquer finish to highlight the natural colors and protect the beautiful character of the timbers while giving the table a warm feeling to the touch. As with all of his wood art pieces the title of the piece, creation date and artist information has been permanently stamped on the underside of the piece. This piece has been entered in the artist's permanent registry.

Dimensions:

37 inches in width  
9-3/4 inches in depth  
29 inches in height

Artist:

Gary A. Leake, Coupeville, Washington

Price:

\$1800