

A man with a beard, wearing a striped sweater, is sitting on a stool in a cluttered workshop. He is focused on working with a piece of material on a workbench. The workshop is filled with various tools, materials, and finished items. A large lamp with multiple adjustable shades is positioned to the left, illuminating the workspace. On a shelf in the background, there are several mugs and a bottle. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, creative studio.

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LEATHER WORKSHOP

Walnut Studiolo crafts original modern designs by hand in our Oregon workshop using only natural materials.

HISTORY

Chief Designer and Maker Geoffrey Franklin is a trained architect who focuses his design talents on his favorite materials: real, natural leather and wood. Geoffrey is an eighth-generation Oregonian and a graduate from the University of Oregon Architecture School. He and his wife, Valerie, began Walnut Studiolo in October 2009 after Geoffrey wanted accessories for his bicycles he couldn't find on the market. Inspired by the leather horse tack he grew up using on his family's ranch in Eastern Oregon, he started by making his own leather u-lock holster. Valerie posted the leather u-lock holster for sale on Etsy and, four years later, they were in the business together full-time. Today Geoffrey focuses on the design and craftsmanship side of things while Valerie focuses on managing the business.

CRAFTSMAN QUOTE

" 'Handmade' is the attention to every detail the whole process long. It's made from the hand-eye conversation. Handmade means that each and every thing I make are going to be one-of-a-kind." -Geoffrey Franklin

WHAT OTHERS SAY

"A photofinish between design, excellent craftsmanship and industry."
- CUBE Design Museum

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Geoffrey and Valerie Franklin are the husband-and-wife team behind Walnut Studiolo, which was founded in 2009.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

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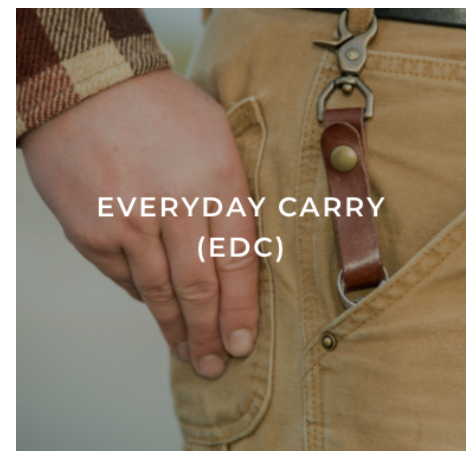
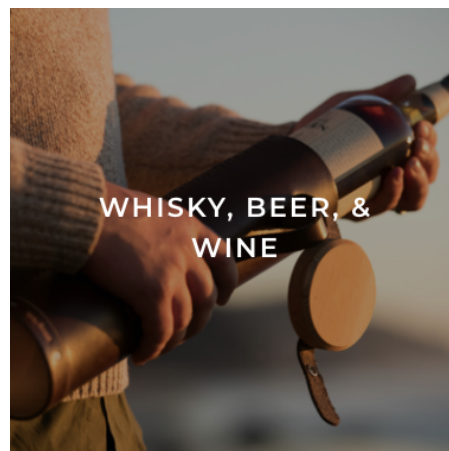
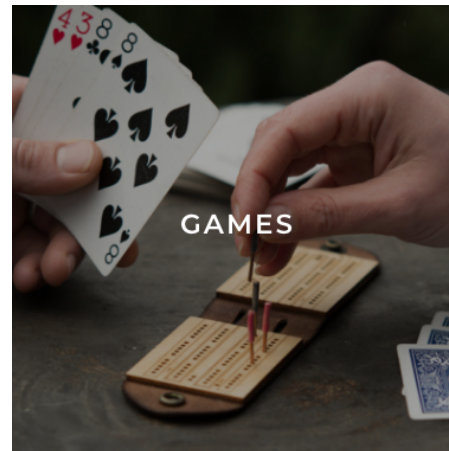
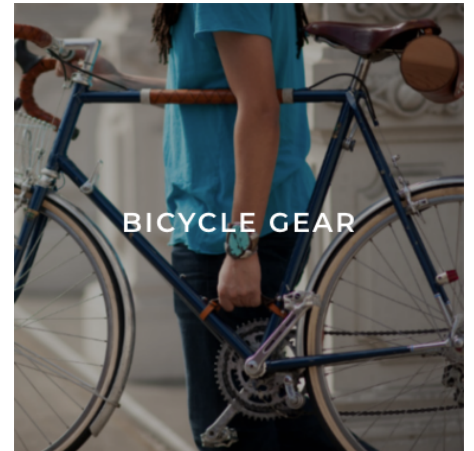
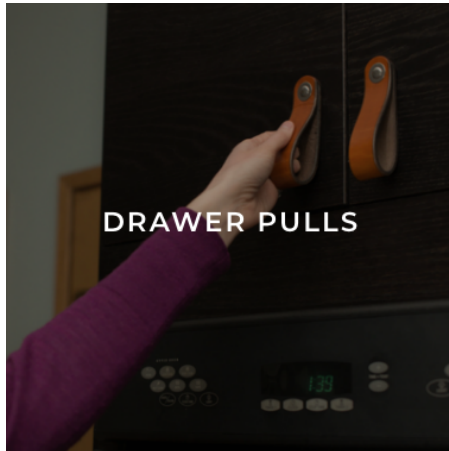
VIDEO

"What Handmade Means to Me" by Cineastas PDX
<https://vimeo.com/71594991>



PRODUCTS

ORIGINAL MODERN DESIGNS
HANDCRAFTED LEATHER GOODS
MADE IN OREGON



BESTSELLERS

- TRAVEL CRIBBAGE BOARD
- BICYCLE FRAME HANDLE ("LITTLE LIFTER")
- HAWTHORNE LEATHER LOOP PULL
- BLUEPRINT TUBE & WHISKEY CASE





Travel Cribbage Board \$45



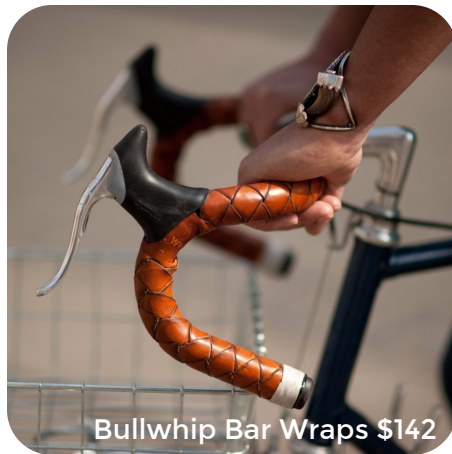
"The Lovejoy" Handle \$12.75



Leather Blueprint Tube \$345



The Whiskey Case \$145



Bullwhip Bar Wraps \$142



"The Tilikum" Handle \$26



Bicycle Frame Handle \$44



Travel Dominoes \$35



6-Pack Frame Cinch \$36

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