## The Stickman No. 7 Puzzle Box

(Beast Box)

The Stickman No. 7 Puzzle Box is highly coveted by collectors. With over 600 individually inlayed wooden blocks required in crafting its maze patterns, very few of these were produced, and thus its rarity and uniqueness. They are also unique because, once solved, their drawers can be put back in so many different combinations that the number of possible solutions and complexity levels are practically endless.

From this particular aspect came its nickname, "The Beast". While Robert originally calculated over 4000 different complexity variations, Nick Baxter pointed out that his equation included identical results, and there were in fact only 666 unique variations. This number and name stuck, and ironically, it has its "nickname" because "Nick named it".





This puzzle can be extremely complex yet rewarding to solve. Its hardest setting requires hundreds of moves and strategic advanced planning to achieve. The decorative inlays on each drawer interact with each other so that moving one to an intended position first requires positioning all drawers next to it, and they subsequently require positioning the drawers next to them. Each move disrupts all future moves, requiring strategies of up to 8 moves in advance at times. To add to its complexity, the interactions between mazes cannot be readily seen and has to be deduced by analyzing the duplicate patterns on exposed drawer sides.

**Limited Edition Status**: Limited to 18. **Production Dates:** (Feb. 2005 – Apr. 2005)

Original Sale Price: \$485 Wood types: Maple & Wenge

Variations: N/A Size: 5" x 5" x 3"

**Number of Compartments:** 4

Number of Steps: Dependant upon setting.

Difficulty Level: Moderate to extremely difficult.

Instruction Book: 6-pages, color, illustrated.

**Special features:** Inlays, ability to change solution and complexity.

Goal: Remove and open all 4 drawers.

