

Stickman No. 32 Puzzlebox (The Traditional)



This puzzle box reflects my first (and perhaps final) attempt at the tradition of hand-crafting decorative yosegi. It is also my long-over-due tribute to the Japanese culture, that long ago inspired the original concepts of puzzle boxes.

The design has a mostly traditional Japanese feel and operation, though I have added some of my own unique Stickman elements as well. For example, some sliding some panels cause others to automatically move in response, moves do not always produce expected results, and its lid comes off in a unique way not found in any other Japanese puzzlebox I know of.

The Yosegi crafted for this puzzle was a bit of a challenge, as it was my first attempt. It was also the first attempt by my apprentice (Richard Jenkins), who motivated me to do the project in the first place, as he wanted to learn yosegi. The yosegi on the top and bottom are Stickman creations, while side-panel yosegi patterns were crafted by Jenkins. Both turned out impressingly well.



Limited Edition Status: Limited to 38.

Production Dates: (June 2017 – Sept. 2017)

Original Sale Price: \$557.

Variations: All identical, with leopardwood and yosegi.

Size: 6" x 4" x 3".

Number of Compartments: 4

Number of Steps: Minimum of 47.

Difficulty Level: Moderately Difficult

Instruction Book: 12-pages, illustrated.

Special features: Unique lid removal. Internal mechanics embedded in sliding panels.

Goal: Open puzzle to reveal 4 hidden compartments.