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## AUTUMN SIDEBOARD

Following her beautiful oak sideboard created for Breac.House, Tricia Harris was commissioned for this piece that elegantly combines woods and veneers.

Some years ago, a couple spotted Tricia Harris' Swirl cabinet on display in her studio in The Chocolate Factory in Dublin 1. There and then, they promised themselves that they would commission an investment piece once they had purchased their first home together. Fast-forward a few years and that same couple were back visiting her studio to deliberate on material samples. "I take huge pride in this, that people value my work in this way," says the furniture designer.

The brief merged two of her existing pieces, the oak sideboard she created for Donegal's Breac.House and the mixed-wood colouring of her Autumn Leaf cabinet, and Tricia admits to being "thrilled they decided to be brave with their choices, bringing vibrant colours into it".

Working with Bear Creation in Wicklow to make the oak and sapele piece with cherry and walnut veneer doors, the process from initial design to final delivery took several months. "I am definitely a 'stewing pot' kind of designer. I always work through ideas on paper or on 3D software. It is a great feeling when you have a 'lightbulb moment' and a wonderful solution comes to the surface."

The aim of the piece was to create a functional kitchen storage unit, but the piece would also work well in a dining room or as a media unit. In this instance, Tricia also considered the specific room and mulled over the existing furniture pieces. "The clients actually had a set of walnut Hans Wegner Wishbone chairs in the space – one of my favourite chairs – a perfect example of function, beauty and simplicity."

Tricia says she sees herself as a designer primarily, but has "always liked to work closely with makers and be involved in the production process". As a result of this project, a collaboration with Bear Creation is in the works as the pair are looking at developing this design into a small range with customisable options.

In the near future, Tricia also has a sample sale coming up with ex-show pieces, so keep an eye on her Instagram @triciaharrisdesigns for updates. The Chocolate Factory will also be open to the public for Culture Night on September 20, so if you're in that neck of the woods, be sure to visit her studio. You might leave with a promise to your future self too. [triciaharris.ie](http://triciaharris.ie)