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Finding a local carpenter to make our frames



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Input

What went in

Visits to frame shops, carpenters and galleries. Four shortlisted carpenters were each given the frame model, our instructions and two pieces of wood for a sample.

Activity

With the wood chosen, we're now looking for someone to make the frames. We want the maker to be local, so the work stays close to us and is more sustainable.

Over the past few days we've visited frame-making shops and local carpenters. We've also asked galleries who they would recommend. We've now shortlisted four carpenters. Today we showed each of them the frame model and explained exactly how we want it made. Each carpenter has two pieces of wood to make a sample frame, and we've asked how long they will take.

Research

Learnings

Galleries and frame shops have been useful for finding local makers. Showing a model and explaining every detail is helping the carpenters understand what we want. Because all four have the same wood and the same instructions, we'll be able to compare their samples fairly.

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