



RM CREATION

- CRAFT/PROFESSION

René MAINTENAY is “happiest at his workbench”. A cabinetmaker by training, René makes models using various types of wood sourced from different tree species. He uses multiview drawings to design his models, selecting a scale which allows him to create a model measuring around fifty centimetres.



His key tools are saws (jigsaw, bandsaw and circular saw), a wood lathe and sanders. René does all his finishing by hand using sandpaper. He gives all his models three coats of polyurethane varnish, sanding them between each coat.

Depending on shape and details, a model can take from one to six days to complete.

- BACKGROUND

René served an apprenticeship to learn his craft, spending three years working in the workshop of two brothers to obtain his CAP and EFAA diplomas.

Specialised in furniture restoration, René has changed course several times throughout his career, moving from building construction to boats and then aviation. He has been creating models for the last 7 years.



- INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

As an aircraft enthusiast, most of René’s creations are model aeroplanes but he also makes trophies and boats: “anything that moves on land, in the air or at sea, and any everyday object” he says.