

# *Oxfordshire Artweeks*

## *2023 Catalogue*



**Martin Damen**

*Maker of Hand-Carved Spoons ...  
... & Bowls*

# *Introduction*

**"The love of the workman for his work is the essential difference between the lifeless commercial product and the vital work of art."**

Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott, *The Studio* (1895)

Welcome to Oxfordshire Artweeks 2023 and my exhibition.

This year sees a mixture of "designed" pieces and the free-form work that I love making. Most pieces have a tooled finish that is sometimes emphasized by the use of paint thereby highlighting the "mark of the maker". However, a few pieces are part-sanded to create a contrast of texture in the hand.

It is the simplicity of the craft that I enjoy the most. There is great satisfaction to be found in making beautiful hand-crafted "simple" utensils that the owner can have the pleasure of using every day. I do every process in the making of each piece starting with collecting the timber from where it stood less than 10 miles from the workshop, through fashioning the item using simple hand tools to preparing it for sale and ultimately passing it on to its new owner. This is the world of the "Slow Spoon"!

*All the pieces illustrated in this catalogue are available at:*

[www.martindamen.com](http://www.martindamen.com)

## ***Small Beech Ladle***



Species: Beech.  
Length: 207mm (approx.)  
Bowl Width: 75mm (approx.)  
Finish: Tooled finish.  
Painted: No.  
Sealed: Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.  
Price: £35.

## ***Cherry Serving Spoon***



Species:	Cherry.
Length:	230mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	62mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled finish.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£40.

## ***Alder Dish***



Species:	Alder.
Length:	335mm (approx.)
Width:	165mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled with sanded rim.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£125.

## ***Spalted Beech Bowl***



Species:	Spalted Beech.
Length:	270mm (approx.)
Width:	180mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled finish with heavy fluting on the outside.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£150.

## ***Small Beech Bowl***



Species:	Beech.
Length:	135mm (approx.)
Width:	128mm (approx.)
Finish:	Inside of the bowl has a tooled finish while the outside is finely fluted.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£50.

## ***Painted Alder Dish***



Species:	Alder.
Length:	300mm (approx.)
Width:	128mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Milk paint. White over blue on the outside with a very dark blue around the rim.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£125.



## ***Sycamore Salad Set***



Species:	Sycamore.
Length:	229mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	62mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Light green milk paint on the handles.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£55.

## ***Asymmetrical Oak Spoon***



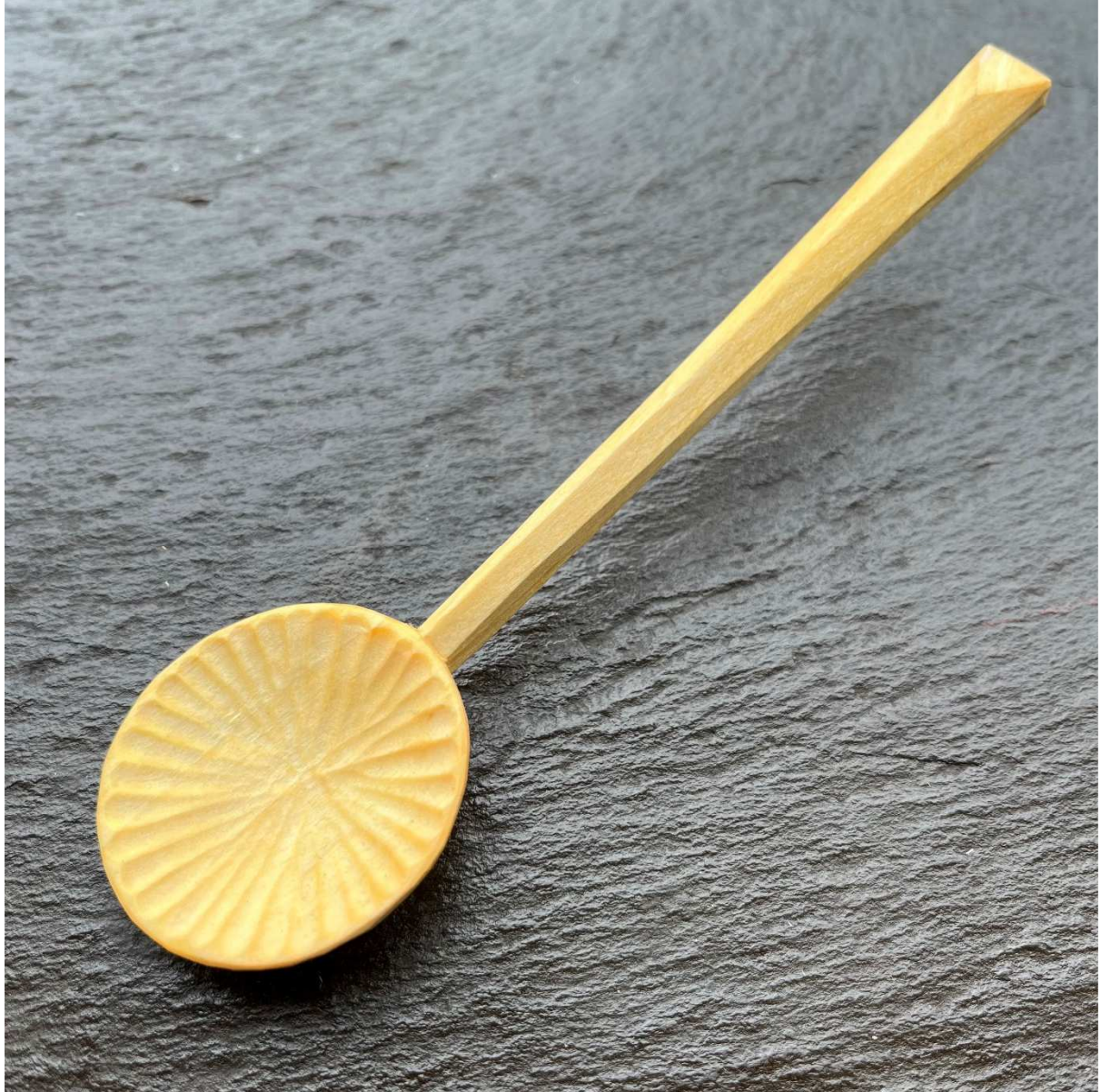
Species:	Oak.
Length:	180mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	44mm (approx.)
Finish:	The top surface of the handle has not been carved and displays the raw fibre of the wood. The inside of the bowl and the underside handle are sanded.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

## ***Cherry Bowl***



Species:	Cherry.
Length:	340mm (approx.)
Width:	105mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled finish inside the bowl. Rim and underside sanded.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£85.

## ***Sycamore Spoon***



Species:	Sycamore.
Length:	164mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	42mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£30.

## ***Painted Cherry & Sycamore Dishes***



Species:	Cherry & Sycamore.
Diameter:	mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Milk paint – various colours and combinations.
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£20.

## ***Cherry Serving Dish***



Species:	Cherry.
Length:	305mm (approx.)
Bowl Width:	100mm (approx.)
Finish:	Top surface is tooled and the underside is sanded.
Painted:	No.
Sealed:	Food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£45.

## ***Stand Up Butter Knives***



Species:	Cherry.
Length:	180mm (approx.)
Height:	40mm (approx.)
Finish:	Tooled.
Painted:	Milk paint (various colours).
Sealed:	Mixture of beeswax & food-grade linseed oil.
Price:	£20.