Custom Design Package Information

Special Obstacle Solutions (*SOS*) would like to work with you to design your custom project. Please understand that the amount being charged for this service is minimal. A typical built in entertainment center will take between 30 and 80+ hours work to design and draw, depending upon the level of detail and complexity. The pricing below is for a project the size of a typical built-in entertainment center that would be around 6-8 foot across. Projects that are larger or smaller and depending upon complexity, may require a price change. When you contact us about your project with general details about size and what it will include, we will present a proposal with pricing set specifically for your project.

Given the investment that this type of project will require, *SOS* has found that spending the dollars and effort for the design up front saves considerable time, money, and headaches later on. It's not good for customer or builder to get into a project and find that changes are needed because it wasn't discussed or thought out in enough detail. As a customer it is reassuring to know that you have looked at the different possibilities and can visualize what the project is going to look like, before you begin. As a builder we feel more comfortable knowing the customer has a complete understanding of what they want, and what is required to complete the project.

SOS will work with you through the iterative process to develop a product that meets your requirements, needs, desires, and specifications. We are experienced in finding ideas on the Web that can help in the process, providing you with alternatives that you may not have thought about. This process varies in time depending upon the project complexity, and speed of communications as we work out the ideas and alternatives. Past experience has shown that it can take as little as 1 week for a simple project to more than a month for a really complex job. You may choose any of the "Packages" noted below as a starting point, and if you decide to, upgrade later to the next level for the "Add" (**+**) difference, there is some savings in buying the highest level package you think you'll want. Having all this information will allow you to get estimates on the work that have the same starting point, and hopefully the same end.

In exchange for the fee stated in the proposed design packages, *SOS* will deliver the following:

A. Basic Design Package $110.00

This will cover the costs of designing the unit and developing a simple 2D (2 Dimensional) drawing of the project with at least 3 views and all major measurements. The drawing will be in a .pdf format and set up to be printed to scale on a single size "Super B" paper (13" x 19"). This can be printed by you if you have a wide format printer and paper, or SOS can print up to 4 copies and ship them to you for postage and container costs. The drawing may also be printed by you the same as any other .pdf document on letter or legal size paper, but not at correct scale. You may also send this .pdf document out for quotes as an attachment, so that builders can view or print themselves. A sample drawing is included in the Portfolio.

B. Pictorial Design Package $220.00 (**+=** $120)

This package will include all of "A" stated above, and the development of 3D (3 Dimensional) drawings of the project with all major components (Doors, Drawers, Trim, etc.). This version of the 3D will be done with simple coloring/shading to allow the easy identification of the different parts and for easier viewing. At this level, components like doors and drawers will not have the finished edges (coving etc) the rails and stiles will be depicted with square edges. Individual views will be done on letter size paper. There may be several different perspective views showing the unit from different angles depending upon the complexity of the project. This package allows you to get a good idea as to the shape, configuration, and proportions of the project as at least one view will depict it against the existing walls, ceiling, and floor. For really complex projects such as closets, there will be at least one view for each wall/section of the design. Sample drawings are included in the Portfolio.

C. Textured Design Package $330.00 (**+=** $120)

This package includes both "A" and "B" above but additionally will provide surface texturing and coloring to match as close as possible what the finished project will look like. It will have 3D views with the different parts opened or partially opened to show operation and interior layouts. It will also include separate sheet(s) with 3 view/2D drawings of all components (Doors, Drawers, Shelves, etc). The drawing size/format will be the same as the other two. Depending upon the number of parts, there may be more than one sheet needed for the 2D portion. If proper pictures are available of the site, then there will be at least one pictorial done with the unit inset on that photo. A sample drawing is included in the Portfolio.

D. Complete Design Package $440.00 (**+=** $120)

This is the complete package that will supply everything in A-C above and also a complete set of part layout for the project. It will show measurements for all parts needed for the project and suggested layout on the chosen materials (4 x 8 plywood etc). The individual parts will be shown with flush fit measurements, so if dado joints, tenons, or other joining methods are used the allowance for them may be easily annotated, or allowed for by the builder. There will be a list of all parts and their measurements in spreadsheet format (Excel=.xls) to allow easy planning and projection of materials needed for the project. If you have the skills and tools, this package would be enough for you to build it yourself.

I hope you decide to let *SOS* help you with this project. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the items discussed in this proposal or your project.

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