



Designer Newsletter Summer 2012

Introducing the New American Prairie Collection

Drawknife Billiards proudly introduces a new line to its product group. A few years ago we introduced the Gallatin Group, a line that was a departure from our original, log-based Yellowstone Collection.

The American Prairie Collection is designed to offer our clients another choice in custom, rustic, game room furniture. This new group will be built from Knotty Alder, a wood that works well for rustic home furnishings

The new American Prairie Collection incorporates clean, simple lines, with a naturally distressed look. These pieces can range from the Basic Style, products that allow the beauty of the unusual knots and grain patterns of the wood to dominate, to the Paneled Style, which enhances the basic pieces by the addition of trim panels on the body, base or legs of the item.

All currently offered games and other products will be available in this new collection.



12' Shuffleboard Table in New Design



Original Shuffleboard Concept Sheet

From Concept to Reality

The American Prairie Collection began as an idea several months ago. The Drawknife staff had been thinking about a new line that would offer dealers and interior designers a new rustic look in game room furniture.

About that time we were asked to build a 12' shuffleboard table for a designer. The request was for a rustic table without the log look. We sent the firm the concept sheets we had been working with, and we were able to develop and refine the design to meet their specifications.

We had already planned to build the new line using Knotty Alder, a popular wood used for doors and cabinets. Its variety of knots and interesting grain patterns make it a good choice for game furniture, as well.

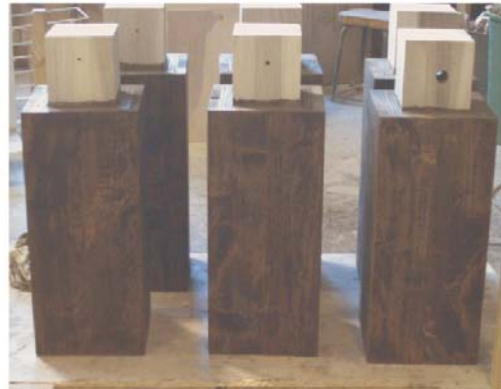
Initially, the new line was conceived to provide a simple, basic design that could be customized by our clients in a variety of ways with the addition of trim panels on the body and legs of the game tables.

Shown above is one of the original illustrations with rectangular panels added at the corners and the center joint on the table body.

Building the Shuffleboard

The initial piece to be built in the American Prairie Collection was a 12' Shuffleboard table. Here are a few pictures of this table under construction. The client chose a dark stain, which meant that the final product closely resembles the concept sheets for this item.

Shown below are three views of the two sections of the table being built. (NOTE: the sections shown below are upside-down while leg units are being fitted into the body.)



Once the table sections and leg units are constructed, they are sent to be stained. The stain selected for this table was Provincial, which is one of our darker stains.

Pictured at upper right are the stained leg units and the two sections of the cradle.

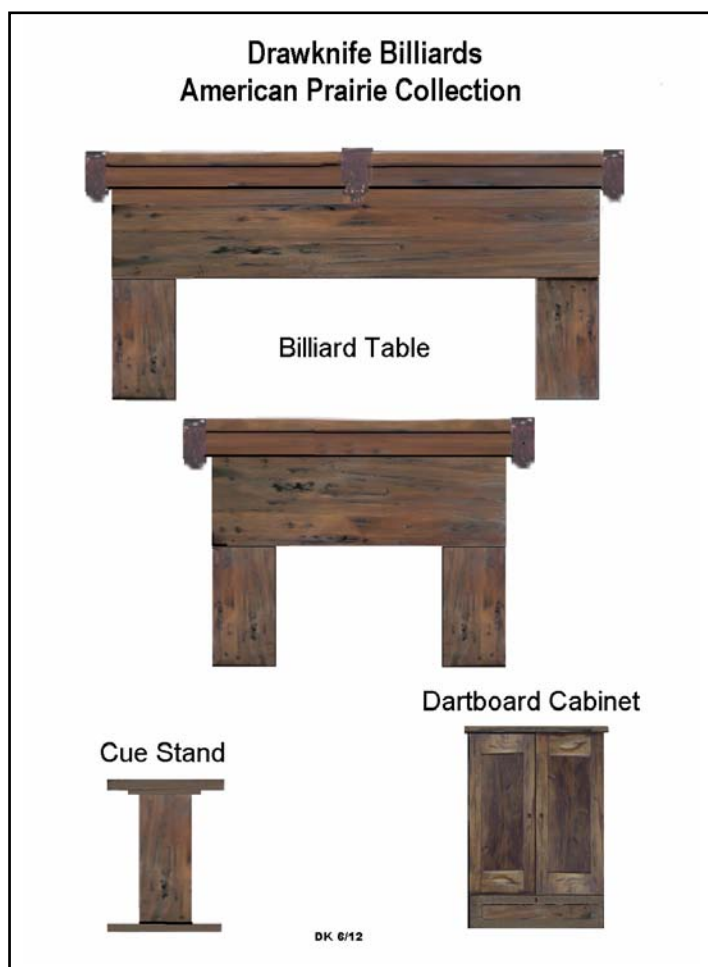
The two pictures at lower right show the corner detail of the cradle body and the detail inside the cradle with its carpeted interior.

Concept Illustrations for American Prairie Collection

Drawknife Billiards offers the following illustrations for this new line.

Shown are the Basic Style, (below), with its simple clean lines and the more detailed, Paneled Style, (to the right), including illustrations of possible trim alternatives for some game room items. We know that we will see additional trim variations as clients bring us their thoughts and ideas.

Although these illustrations are not to scale, they should offer a good idea of what clients can expect.



The American Prairie Collection will be offered with a variety of stain colors and other types of options that have been available with our current game room lines.

In addition, this new line opens up the possibility for other trim options, such as metal hardware added to a basic style table or combined with panel trim. We will continue to explore these options as this product group grows and expands.



The American Prairie Collection will allow clients to include rustic game room furniture in their ranch houses, lake cottages, summer retreats and other residences.

Drawknife will continue to provide more information and pictures of our new product group as it develops. Price Lists for the American Prairie Collection will be released soon.

In the meantime, we welcome your thoughts and comments.

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