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Home skills Woodworkers take their craft seriously, and the inheritance furniture they produce is wanted for its impeccable quality, workmanship and durability. Here's what the Amish do differently. 1 / 10 Amish woodworkers not only set out to build furniture; they aim to build a legacy that will withstand the test of time and survive through generations. That's why you'll never find a piece of authentic Amish furniture made of thin materials such as a needle board or MDF. These craftsmen stick to the wood of the local source, exclusively. Some of the most common forests in their workshops are super durable red and white oak, cherry, hickory and brown maple. Are you a woodworking recruit? Tree 101 is the place to start. 2/10 Flickr user Nonsensebird via Creative Commons Amish, as a culture, are known for eschewing modern amenities like electricity, mostly staying off the public grid. But this does not necessarily mean that Amish woodworkers are limited to hand tools. Although hand planes, saws, hammers and chisels are commonplace, the Amish also use their own version of power tools, called pneumatic tools. Instead of electricity, pneumatic tools work on compressed air, and in this case they are powered by a diesel engine. Miter saws, sanders and buffers are common pneumatic tools in furniture manufacturer Amish's tool collection. Refreshing tool stock? Here are the best power tools you can find under \$100 (yes, they use real electricity!). Photo: Flickr user Nonsensebird via Creative Commons 3/10 Family Handyman One of the best secrets of Amish furniture manufacturers are the actual secret compartments that some embed in their furniture. These hidden spaces provide some pretty invisible storage options. The top of the Amish coffee table, for example, could turn upwards to reveal a hollow space deep enough for books and magazines. A wooden book lens can hide a hidden drawer. Some Amish furniture, ironically, even comes with built-in sockets. Check out 10 of our favorite pieces of furniture with secret sections.. 4/ 10 donatas1205 / Shutterstock Part of the appeal of Amish craftsmanship is painstaking attention to detail, and joinery without fasteners is a real example. Amish woodworkers tend to give up nails and opt for techniques such as dovetails, rabbets, and mortise-and-tenon joinery instead. Properly made and reinforced with wood glue, these types of joints can be even more durable than ordinary nailed joints. And some people prefer the flawless appearance of pieces of furniture without fasteners, which is indeed a work of art. Here's how to harness the strength of strong wood glue to keep your joints together. 5/ 10 weedezign / Shutterstock You will not find Amish carpenters importing exotic forests from abroad - or even from the opposite coast. These craftsmen stock up on sustainably harvested, locally sourced forests, and use low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) varnishes to finish furniture in the healthiest way possible, in a way, continues to maintain durability. Even access to inheritance is environmentally friendly – the hand used by three generations has not entered the landfill for many years. If you haven't got on the sustainability train, what are you waiting for? Here are 10 cheap ways to get started. 6 / 10 Family handyman in amish country, practical skills and crafts are taught from a young age. Everything from cooking to – you guessed it – woodworking has been passed down over generations. This is part of why so much pride and integrity goes into Amish furniture making: it is often a family matter, and the art of making furniture is part of the heritage of culture. It's hard not to produce top-notch work when the process hits so close to home. We have gathered some of our best joinery tips and tips right here. 7/10 Simone Madeo/Shutterstock Mass-produced furniture is the antithesis of what Amish wood processors espouse. These craftsmen have a much more personal approach, which involves a multi-stage process of grinding, painting and sealing more than once until the product is in a presentation state. In fact, these perfectionists won't even work with wood that's too flawed (see below). Low VOC varnish (low toxicity) is applied to all Amish furniture to make it impermeable to water, stains and scratches. Here are our top tips for putting TLC in our own woodworking projects. 8/10 fotografstudio/Shutterstock Although Amish furniture manufacturers can use their own version of power tools for heavy lifting, fine decorations are always done manually using chisels and other appropriate appliances. In fact, since the art of furniture making is so nurtured in their culture, Amish craftsmen and their families will often become known for their individual aesthetics. These designs are as authentic as they can be. Inspired by? Here's how to properly use a wooden chisel. 9/ 10 Vershinin89 / Shutterstock Amish wood processors and Amish carpenters are extremely special about the materials they use. They are known to inspect each piece of wood individually for defects, and discard wood that does not meet their standards. Wood with few defects will be carefully sanded until it is considered suitable for construction. Consideration will also be given to how each piece of wood will work together as a whole piece of furniture – even a grain of wood is taken into account. In a hurry? Sand wood faster following these tips. Originally published: August 26, 2019 Last updated November 5, 2020, no one enjoys failure. The fear of failure can be so strong that avoiding failure overshadows the motivation to succeed. The uncertainty of doing things wrong causes many people to unknowingly sabotage their chances of success. Fear is part of human nature. As an entrepreneur, I faced that same fear. My ego and identity became intertwined with my work, and when things didn't go according to plan, I shut down completely. I've overcome this unhealthy relationship with fear, and I believe it's you, too much. Together, we examine how you can use failure to your advantage instead of letting him lead your life. We will also look at how to overcome the fear of failure so that you can enjoy success in your work and life. What is the fear of failure? If you are afraid of failure, it will cause you to avoid potentially harmful situations. Fear of failure prevents you from trying, creates self-doubt, stops progress and can lead you to go against your morale. What causes fear of failure? Here are the main reasons why there is a fear of failure: Patterns from childhood Hypercritical adults cause children to internalize harmful ways of thinking. They establish ultimatums and rules based on fear. This causes children to feel a constant need to seek permission and safety. They carry this need for validation in adulthood. Perfectionism Perfectionism is often at the root of fear of failure. For perfectionists, failure is so horrendous and humiliating that they don't bother. Getting out of your comfort zone becomes scary. Over-personalization ego can lead us to over-identify with failures. It's hard to look beyond failure on things like quality effort, mitigating circumstances or growth opportunities. Fake people with confidence know they won't always make it. A person with fragile self-confidence avoids risks. He'd rather play it safe than try something new. How fear of failure keeps you backHealthy organizational culture Too many organizations today have cultures of perfection: a set of organizational beliefs that any failure is unacceptable. Only pure, unsullied success will be successful. Imagine the stress and terror in such an organization. Constantly covering up the slightest flaws. Wild finger-pointing as everyone tries to shift the blame for the inevitable riots to someone else. Lying, cheating, falsifying data and hiding problems – until they no longer become crises that defy hiding. Miss valuable opportunities If some people fail to achieve a complete response due to the lure of some early success, many no longer succeed because of their ego-driven commitment to what worked in the past. You often see this in older people, especially those who found names by introducing some critical changes years ago. They shy away from further innovation, fearing that this time they might fail, downsizing the glow they have been trying to keep around their names since their past triumph. In addition, they reason, the success of something new could even prove that these achievements they have achieved in the past were not so great after all. Why take risks when you can keep your reputation doing nothing? Such people are so deeply invested in their egos and the glory of their past that they prefer to single out opportunities for future fame than risk even the possibility of failure. High achievements become losers Every talent contains the opposite which sometimes turns it into a problem. Successful people love achieve high standards. It can scare them so much from failure that it's ruining their lives. When a positive trait, like achievement, becomes too strong in someone's life, it is on its way to becoming a major obstacle. Achievement is a strong value for many successful people. They built their lives on it. They accomplish on everything they do: school, college, sports, art, hobbies, work. Every fresh achievement contributes to the strength of value in their lives. Gradually, failure becomes unthinkable. They may never have failed at anything they've done yet, so they have no experience to rise above it. Failure becomes the greatest nightmare: a terrible horror that they must avoid at all costs. The simplest way to do this is to never take risks, hold fast to what you know you can do, protect yourself, work the longest hours, double and triple check everything and be the most conscientious and responsible person in the universe. If constant hard work, diligence, brutal work schedules and harriving subordinates won't prevent the possibility of failure, use every other possible means to keep him away. Forge numbers, hide anything negative, hide errors, avoid customer feedback, constantly shifting blame for mistakes to anyone who is too weak to fight back. Loss of creativity Excessive achievements destroy their own peace of mind and the lives of those who work for them. People too attached to kindness and morality become self-just bigodles. Those whose values for building close relationships become unbalanced slide into stifling their friends and family by constantly expressing affection and demands for love in return. Everybody likes to make it. The problem arises when the fear of failure is dominant, when you can no longer accept the inevitability of sin, nor recognize the importance of trial and error in finding the most spectacular solution. The more creative you are, the more mistakes you will make. The decision to avoid mistakes will also destroy your creativity. Balance counts more than you think. A little acidity must season the sweetest dish. A little selfishness is worth it even in the most worrying person. And a little failure is key to preserving everyone's perspective on success. We hear a lot about being positive. Perhaps we also need to recognize that negative parts of our lives and experiences play an equally important role in finding success, in work and in life. How to overcome the fear of failure (step by step)1. Understand where fear comes from Ask yourself what the root cause of your negative belief might be. When you look at the four main causes for fear of failure, that resonate with you? Write down where you think fear comes from and try to understand it as an outsider. If it helps, imagine trying to help one of your best friends. Perhaps your fear stems from something that happened in your childhood, or a deep-seated insecurity. Naming sources of fear takes away some of his 2. Reshape beliefs about your goal has all or nothing mentality leaves with nothing sometimes. Have a clear vision of what you want to achieve, but incorporate learning something new into your goal. If you are always striving for improvement and learning, you are much less likely to fail. In Pixar, people are actually encouraged to fail early and fail quickly. They encourage experimentation and innovation so that they can stay at their peak. This way of thinking involves failure, but as long as they achieve their vision of telling great stories, all stumbling points are just opportunities for growth. 3. Learn to think positively In many cases, you believe what you tell yourself. Your internal dialogue affects how you react and behave. Our society is obsessed with success, but it is important to recognize that even the most successful people encounter failure. Walt Disney was once fired from the paper because they thought he lacked creativity. He found an animation studio that didn't work. He never gave up, and now Disney is a household name. Steve Jobs was also once fired from Apple before returning as the face of the company for many years. If Disney and Jobs had believed the negative feedback, they wouldn't have made it. It's up to you to notice your negative speech about yourself and identify the triggers. Replace negative thoughts with positive facts about yourself and the situation. You'll be able to create new mental scripts that you can reach for when you feel the negativity creeping in. The voice in your head has a big impact on what you do.4. Visualize all potential outcomes The uncertainty about what happens next is daunting. Take the time to visualize the possible outcomes of your decision. Think about the best and worst case scenarios. You will feel better if you have already had the opportunity to mentally prepare for what might happen. Fear of the unknown could prevent you from trying your way into a new job. Weigh the pros and cons and imagine potential successes and failures in making such a life-changing decision. Knowing how things can turn out can help you get your head around it. 5. Look at the worst case scenario There are times when the worst case could be absolutely devastating. In many cases, if something bad happens, it won't be the end of the world. It is important to define how bad the worst case scenario is in the grand scheme of your life. Sometimes we give situations more power than they deserve. In most cases, failure is not permanent. For example, when you start a new job, it will certainly be a learning experience. You will make decisions that do not turn out, but often this discomfort is temporary. You can change your strategy and bounce. Even at worst, if the perceived failure led to the end of that deal, it could be a launch point for something new. 6. Having a backup plan Never hurts to have a backup plan. The last thing you want to do is scramble for a solution when the worst happens. The old pass is firm wisdom: Hope for prepare for the worst. Having a backup plan gives you more confidence to move forward and take calculated risks. Maybe you applied for a scholarship to fund an initiative at work. At worst, if you don't get support, are there other ways you could get funding? There are usually multiple ways to solve the problem, so backing up is a great way to reduce anxiety about a possible failure. 7. Learn from anything that happens things may not go the way you planned, but that doesn't automatically mean you failed. Learn from whatever comes out. Even a less ideal situation can be a great opportunity for change and growth. Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn. Dig deep enough, and you will surely find a silver lining. When you learn that failure is an opportunity to grow instead of the death penalty, you conquer the fear of failure. See more tips on how to overcome the fear of failure in the video below:Final Thoughts To overcome the fear of failure, we can start by realizing where it comes from and transforming the way we feel about failure. When failure is an opportunity to grow, and you have looked at all possible outcomes, it is easier to overcome fear. Stay positive, have a backup plan and learn from what's going on. Your failures will be sources of education and inspiration, not humiliation. I didn't fail. I just found 10,000 ways that won't work. - Thomas A. Edison Failures can be blessings in disguise. Go boldly in the direction of your dreams and long-term goals. More Tips to Win FearFeatured Photo Credit: Patrick Hendry via unsplash.com unsplash.com