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Being overseas changed me. I'm not the same happy go lucky girl that I used to be. I don't find myself smiling and laughing like I used to, I don't like to leave the house, and I struggle with everyday chores. I'm an amputee war veteran.

Since I've moved in with my mom and dad things have gotten better with my daily activities. I'm able to get out of bed without having to call my dad to assist me and I can walk around the whole apartment without being worried of slipping and falling and not being able to get back up. I've been going to therapy for a while and that helps, but when I get home I'm still miserable.

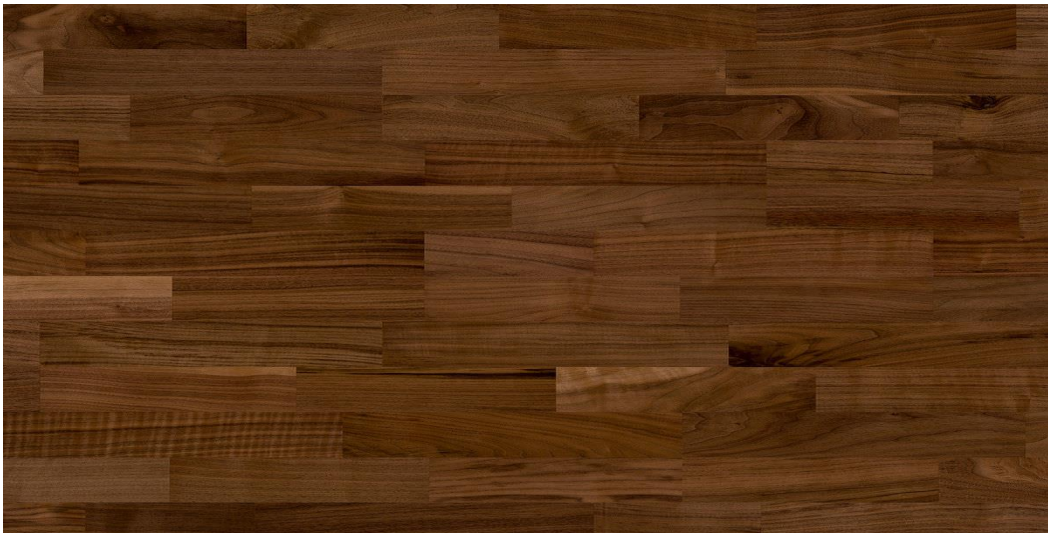
I woke up and went on my morning walk like I do every morning. I ate my food. Took my late morning nap then was abruptly wakened from my nap to go on a ride. I love rides! I got out of the car and I was at this stranger's home, I have no idea what we are doing here. I was brought inside this apartment and met this family and the daughter only had one arm. She started crying and petting me and hugging me and telling her mom and dad "thank you" over and over again.

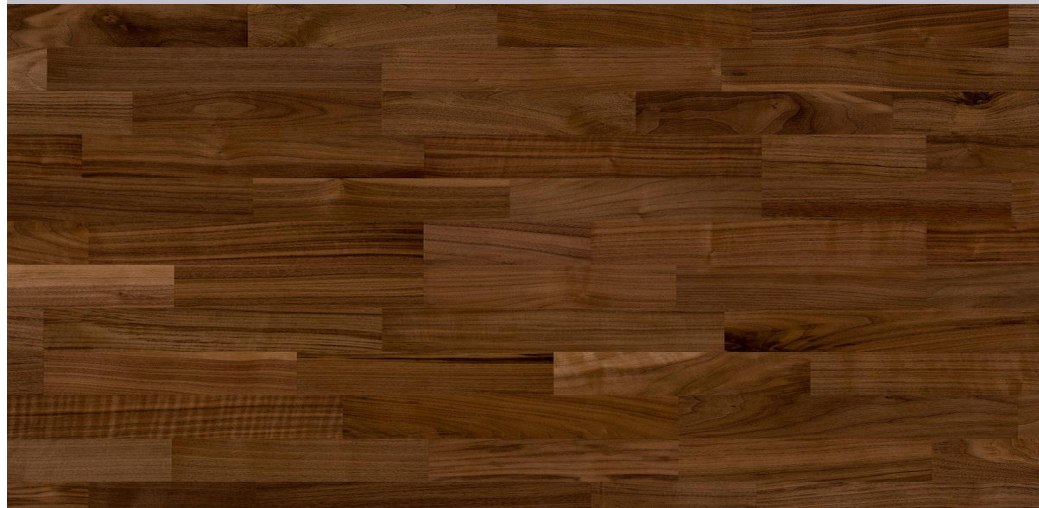
I woke up one morning and my mom said that her and my dad had a surprise for me. This surprise changed my life forever.



My parents got me a therapy dog. His name is Dexter and he is a 3-year-old boxer.

I got a new home today and a new friend Dana. I think me and Dana are going to be best friends.



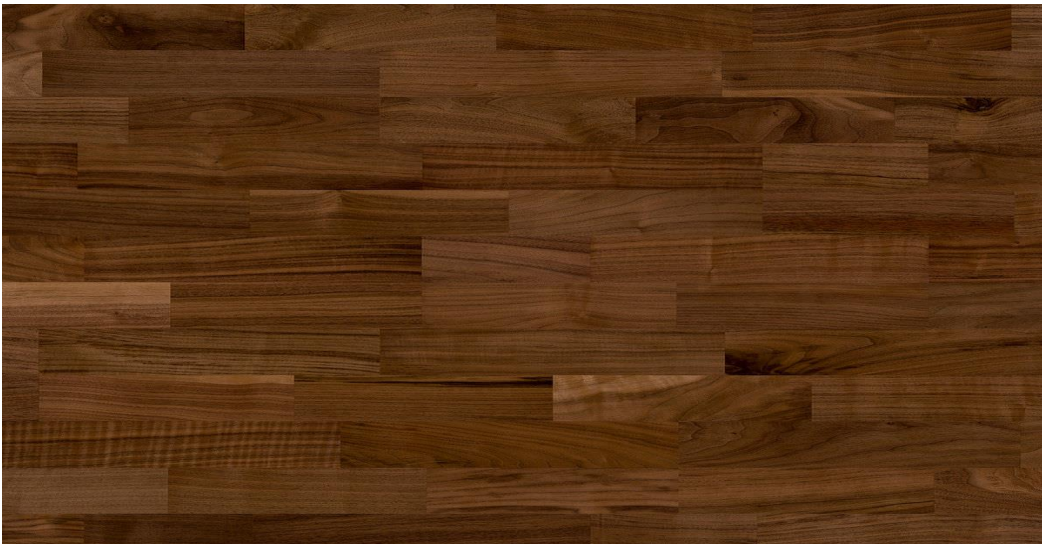




Dexter goes with me everywhere. He motivates me to wake up every morning, go on walks outside, he even runs errands with me.

I follow Dana wherever she goes. She sometimes has a really hard time getting out of bed. She just always says how today isn't a good day, but then I lick her face all over and make her get up.

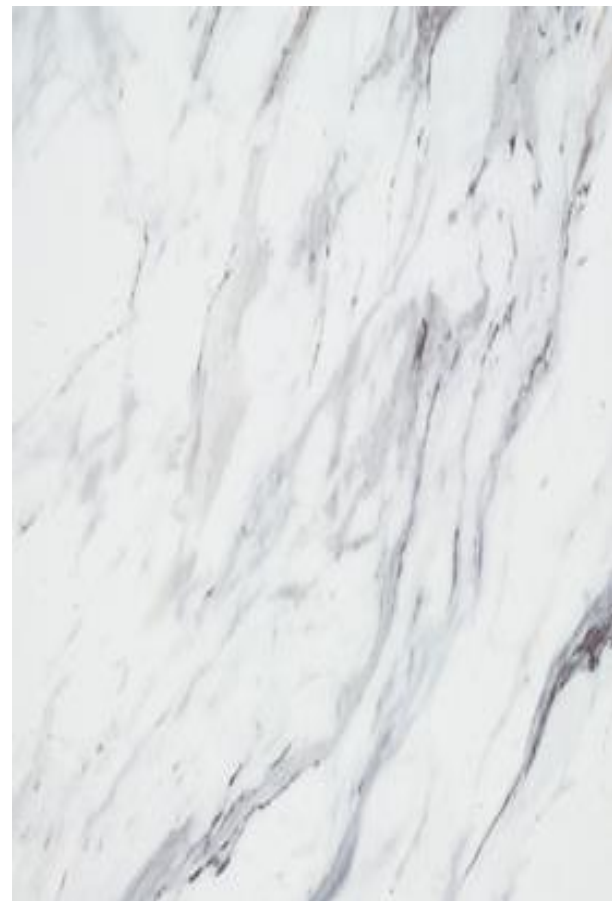
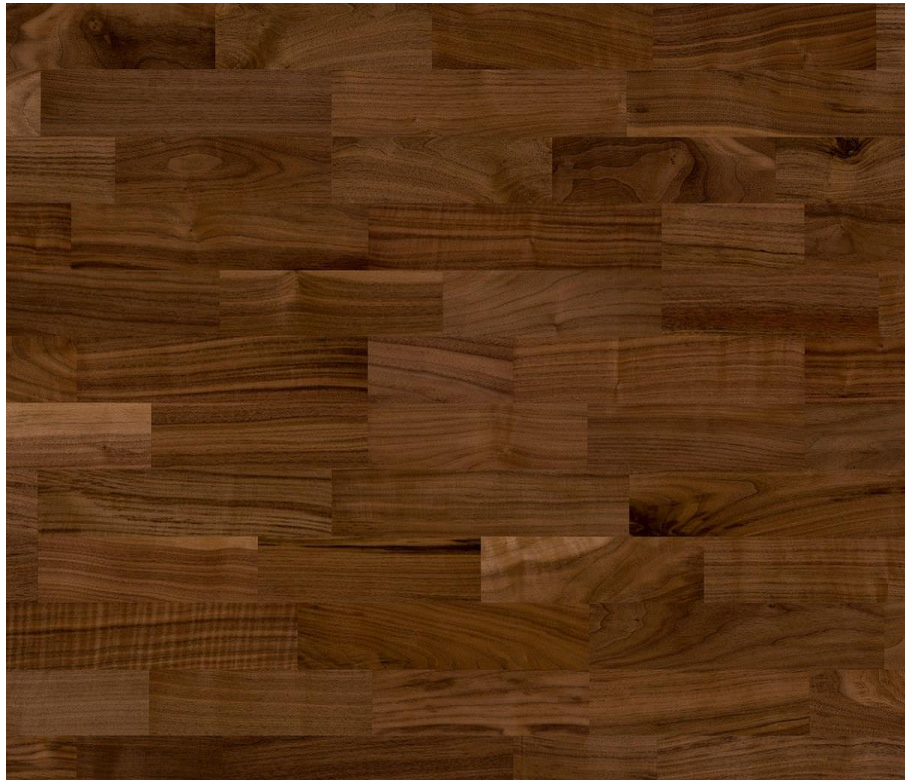
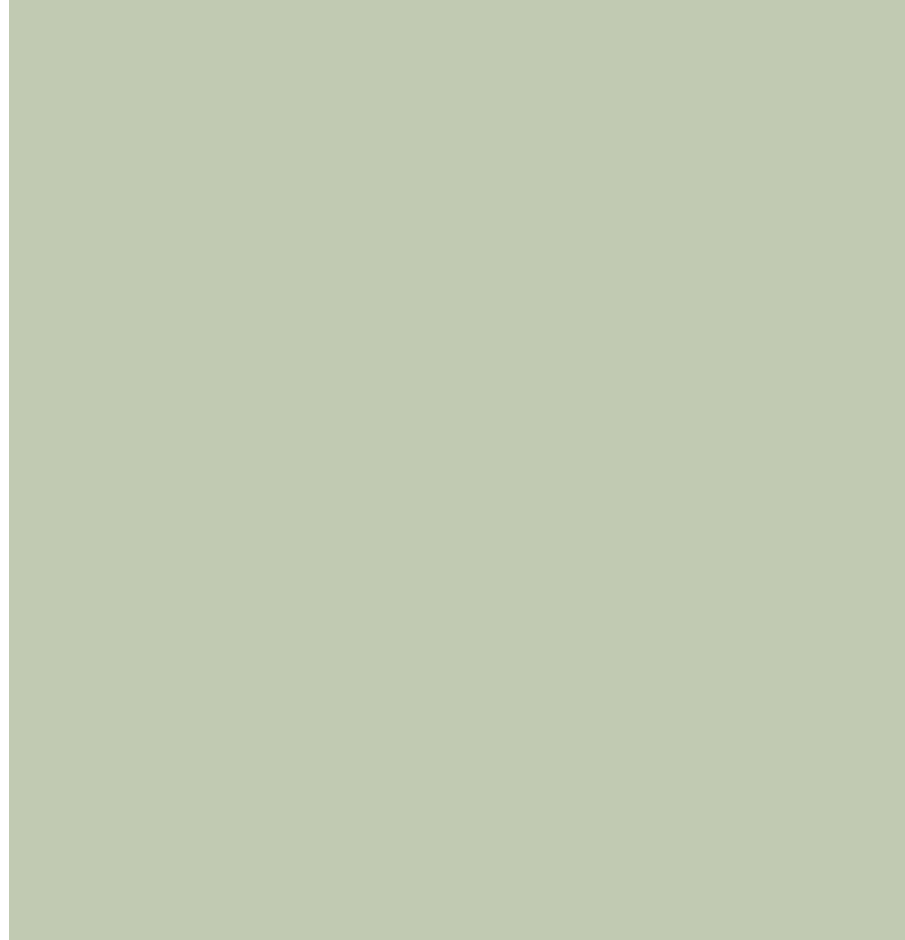


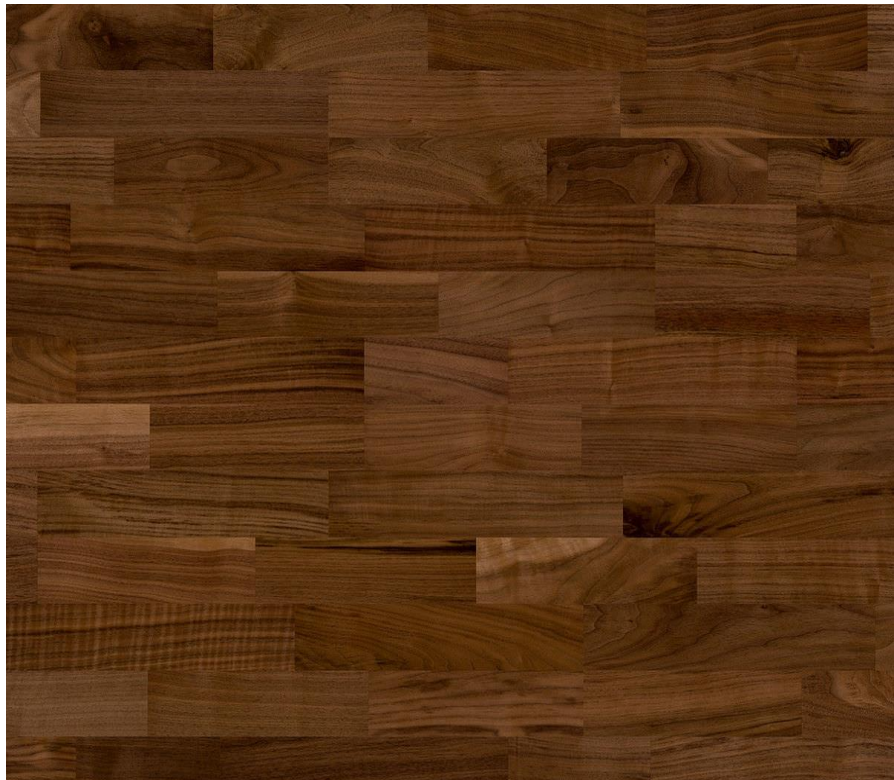




One time Dana slipped and fell in the kitchen and she couldn't get back up so I barked and barked until a neighbor was able to come over and help her up. She called me her hero that day. I don't really know what that means but I think it's a good thing.

Sometimes I think about what I would do without Dexter. I feel myself becoming me again. I'm happy again. I don't feel like an amputee.

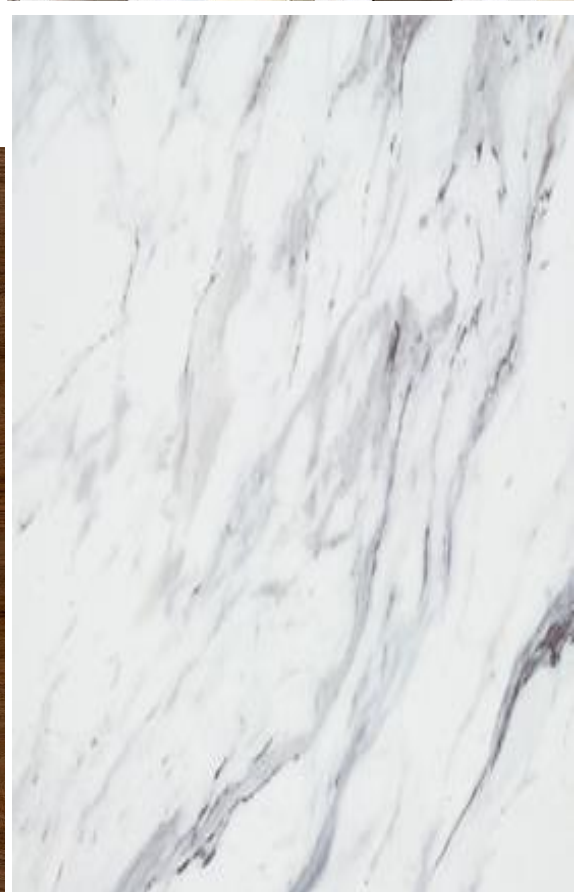
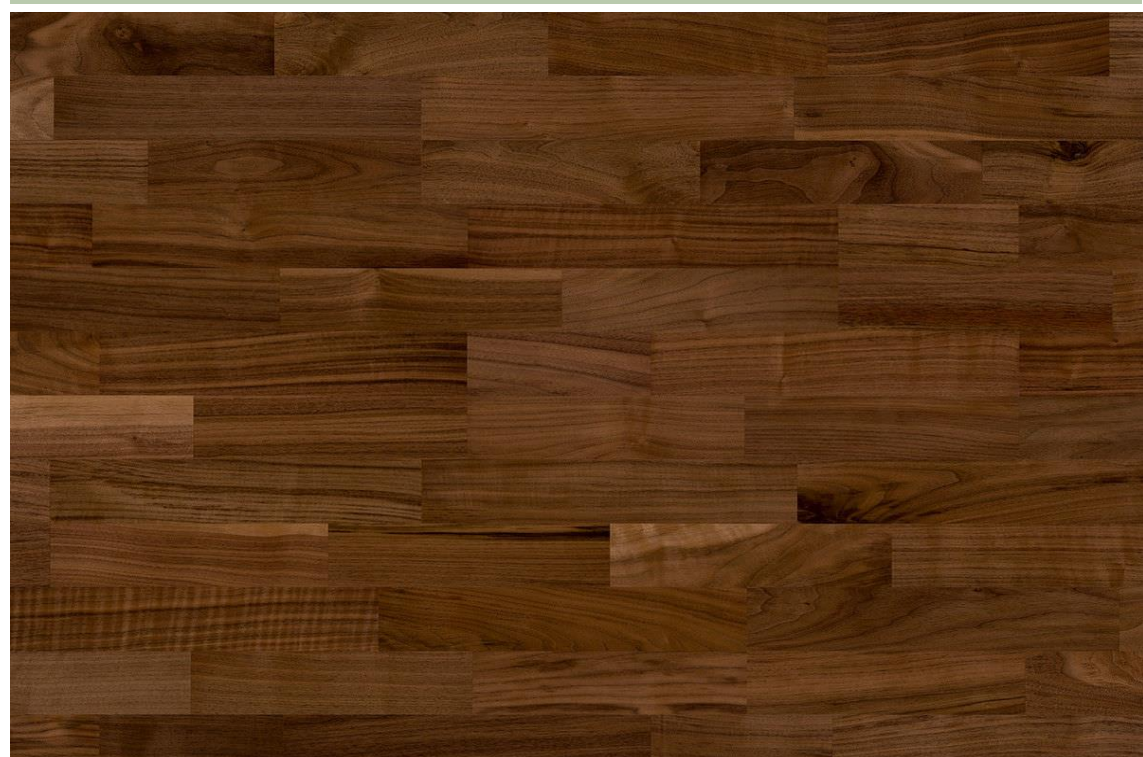
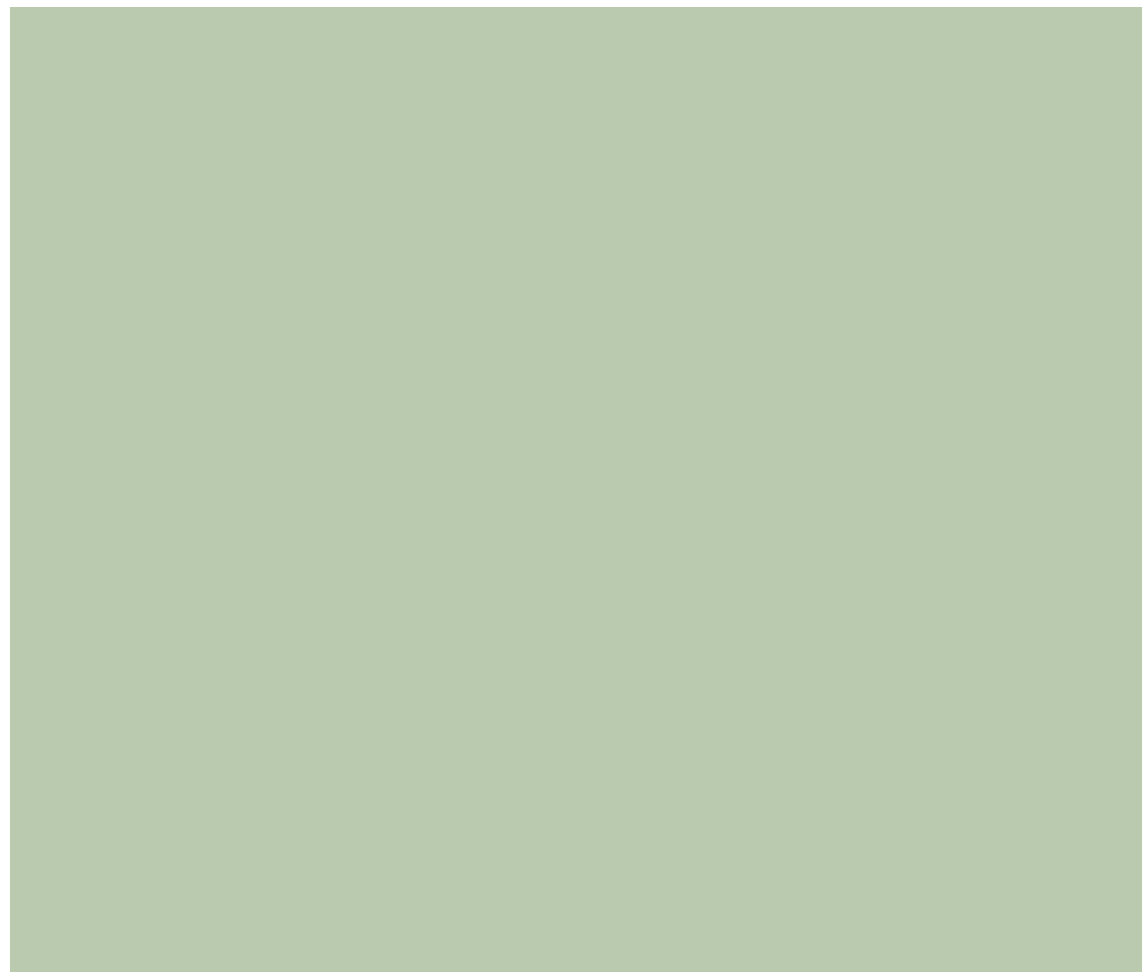


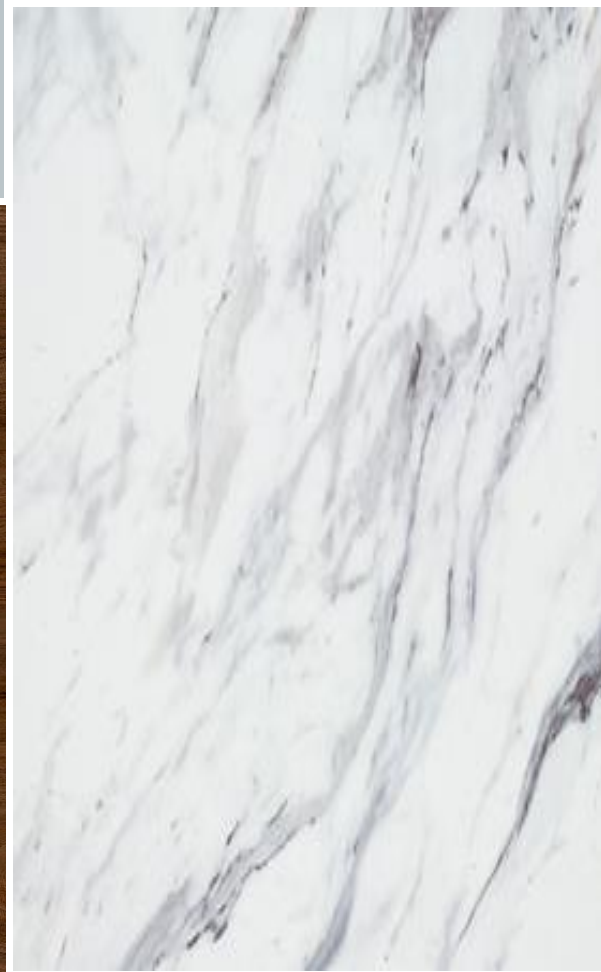
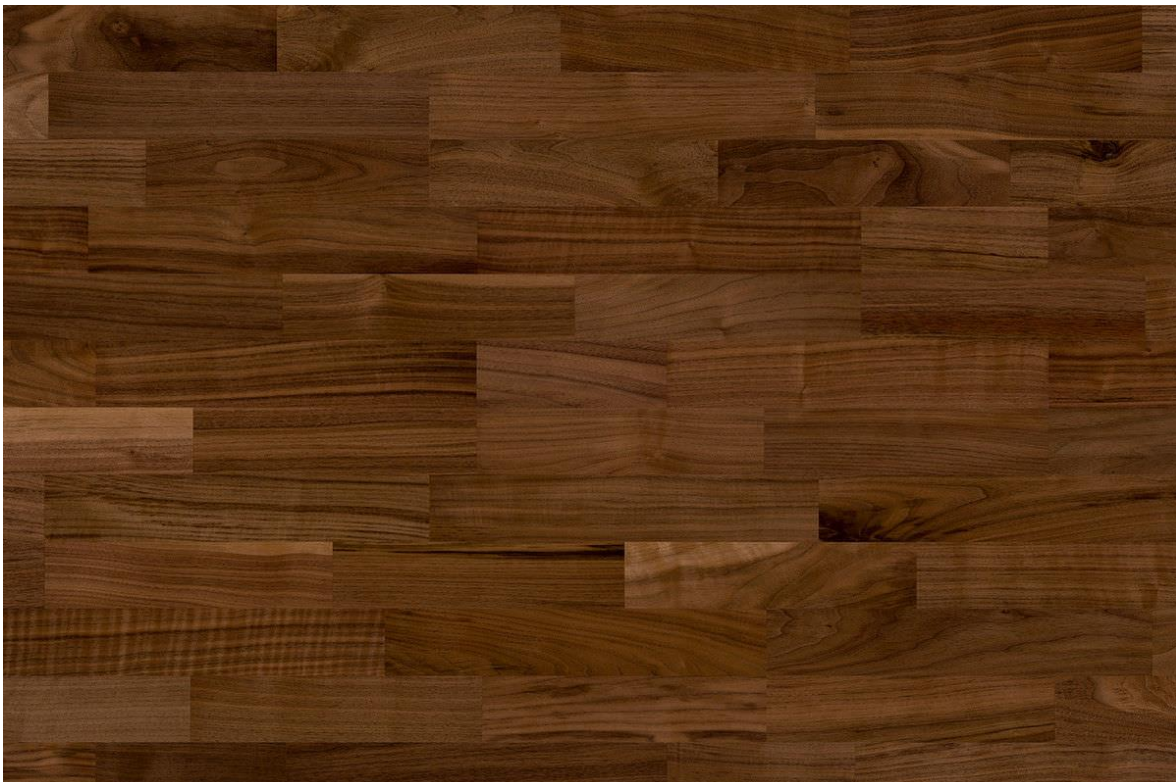




I'm able to be home alone more which takes a huge burden off my parent's shoulders. I can do more daily activities without them being fearful of something happening.

Dana's parents thank me a lot for taking care of her. I'm just doing my job.

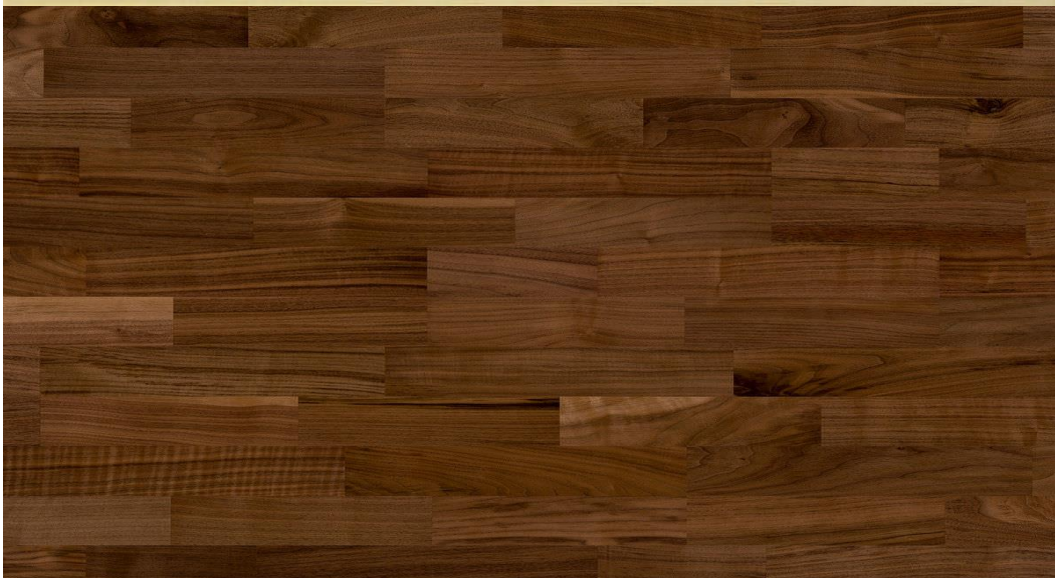
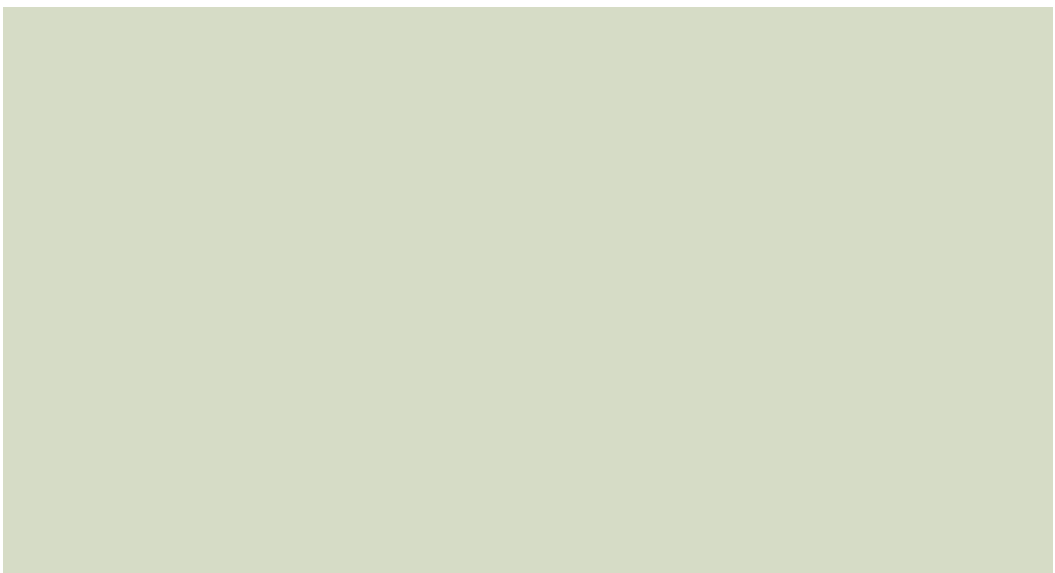


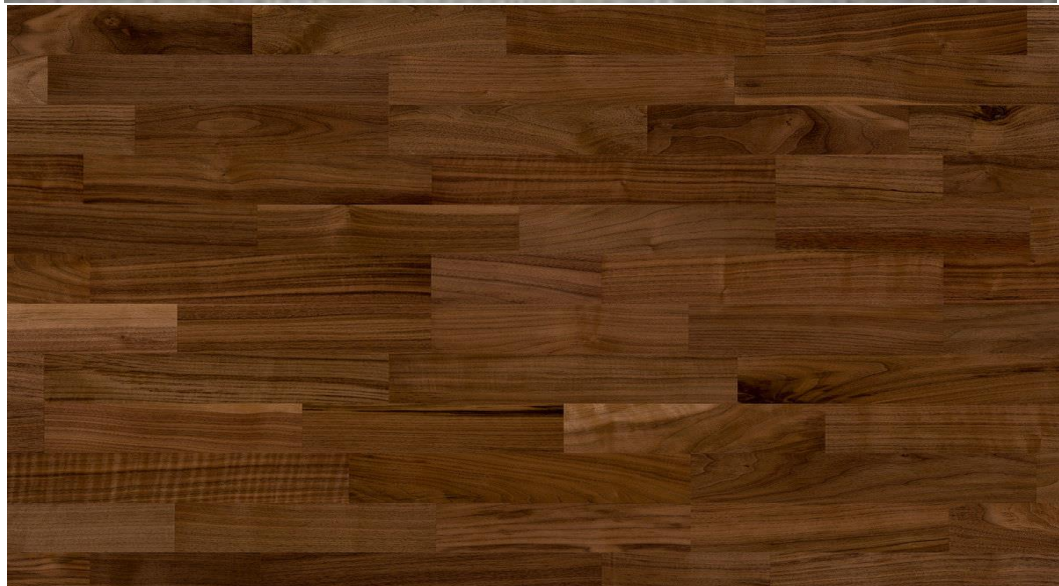




Dexter is growing old he is almost twelve.

I'm starting to not feel like myself anymore. I can't run much anymore, I get tired easily, and I'm just so achy. All I really do anymore is lay around and sleep, but Dana says it's ok. She says she's happy now.







Dexter passed away yesterday.

It was a very sad day but now he is somewhere pain free.

That dog changed my life.

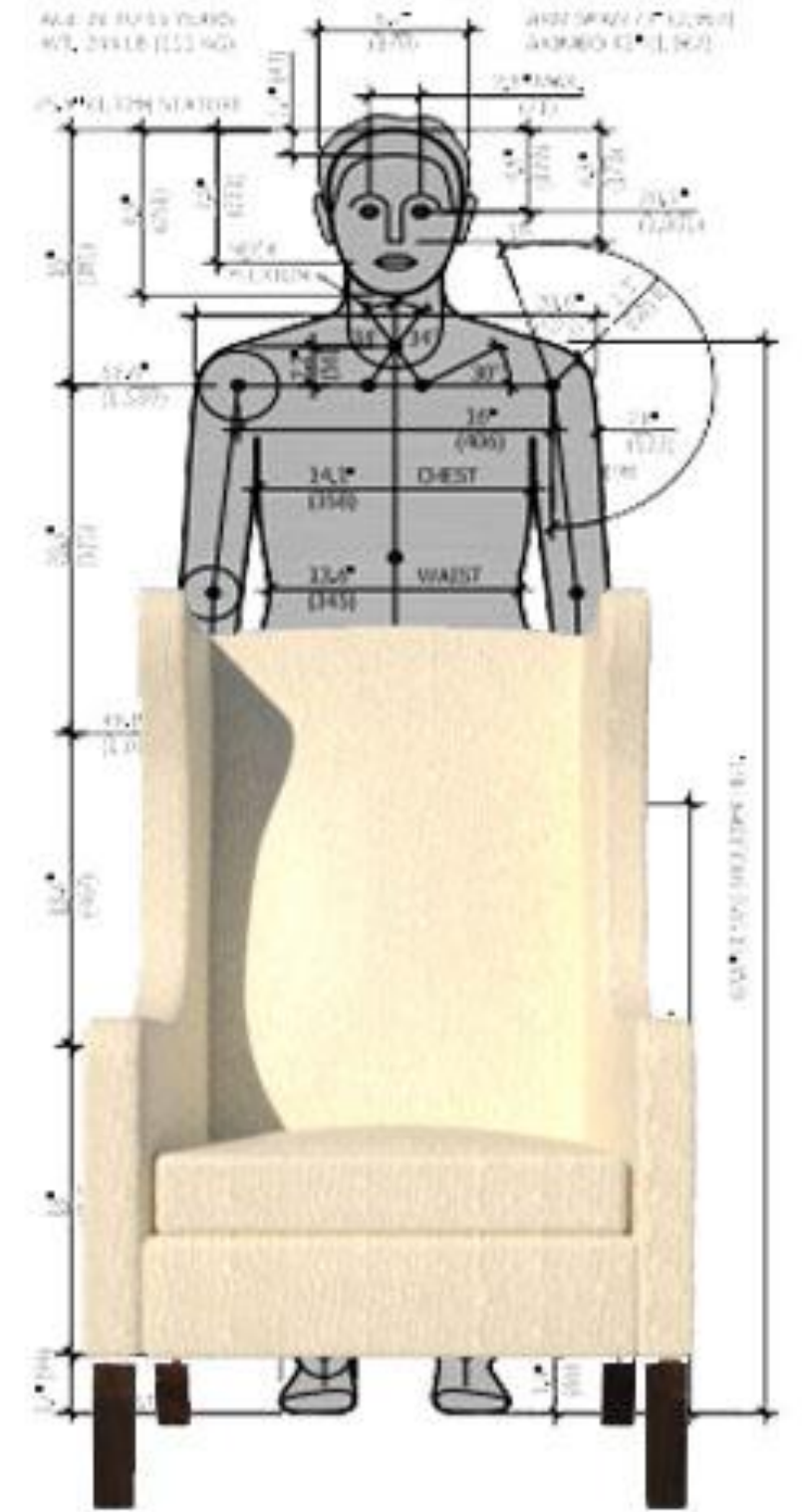
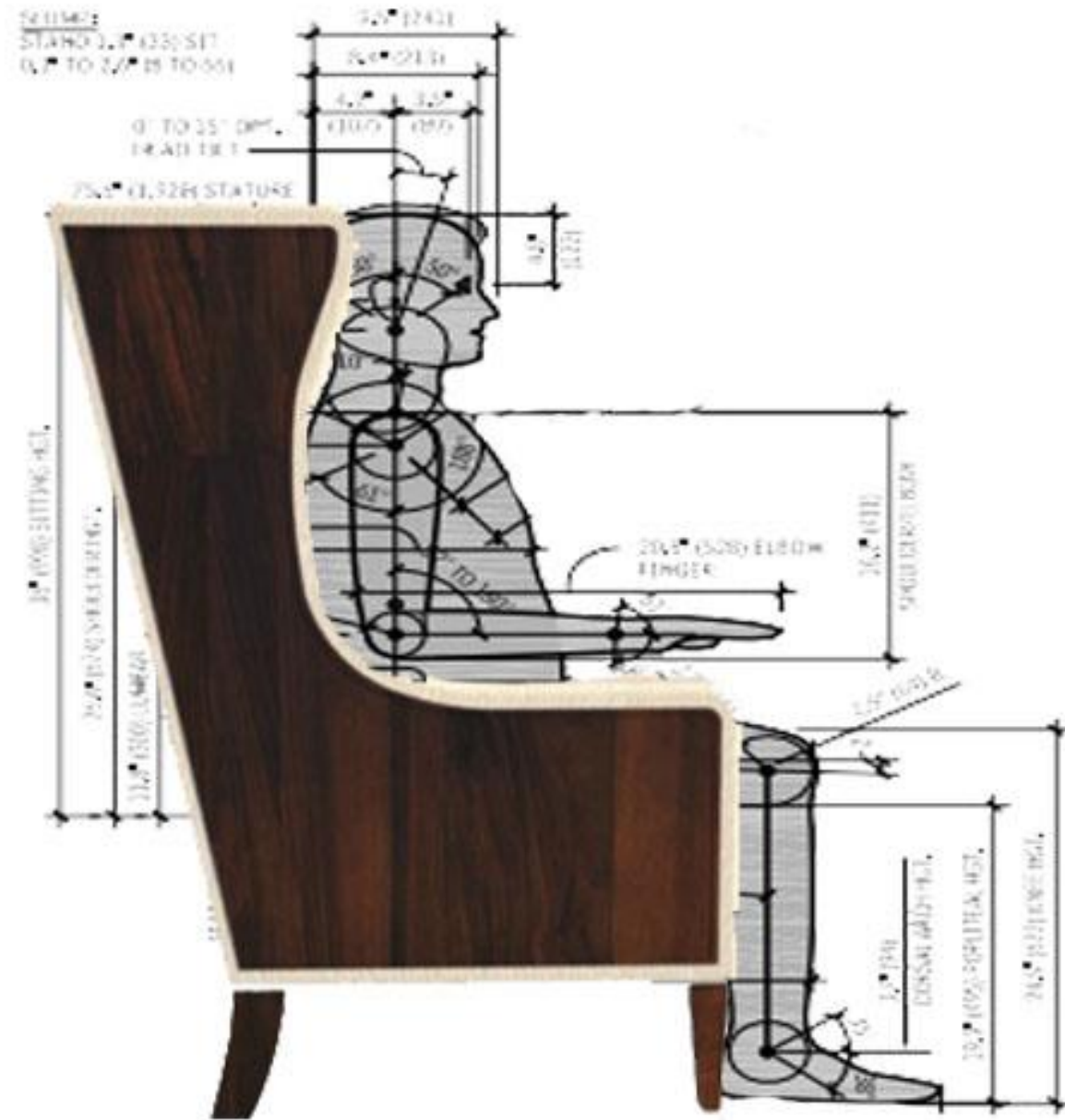
I'm now working for a non-profit organization that helps wounded war veterans get back on their feet and find jobs.

It's true what they say, "a dog is a man's best friend."

(RENDERED FLOOR PLAN)



ANTHROPOMETRIC CHAIR



(HISTORICAL PRECEDENT)

Modern Craftsman

The craftsman style was very popular in the early 20th century. The most common characteristics of craftsman interiors is the extensive use of natural wood, unique architectural features and earthy colors. Painting the wood white and doing more neutral cool colors modernizes this traditional look.

Common Craftsman Characteristics:

- Coffered ceilings
- Fire places
- Built-in wood work: bookshelves, storage, and cabinets
- Tall base boards
- Wide door and window casing



(HUMAN BEHAVIOR)

Over-55 Population

- Most of this population is mobile and don't want to see grab bars and railings which means designing universally
- They live active and social lifestyles which means easy access to others and activities
- Obesity is becoming a current health trend among this generation which makes the access to physical activities crucial
- Open floor plans create an area for communication and easy traffic flow throughout the space
- This generation statistically has less grandchildren than previous generations which makes designing for just the client easier
- A warm home environment is important for this population because they like to nest be comfortable in their own home

