



#### Handmade at Amazon Maker Profile

Steve and Jacob Midgett, owners of Steven Jacob Wedding jewelry makers

Boulder, CO & Franklin, NC

#### What do you make?

Steve: My son, Jacob, and I make wedding rings and other wedding jewelry. We specialize in patterned metals like Damascus Steel and the Japanese Samurai sword technique Mokume-gane. All of our work features these layered metals that are patterned to look like wood grain, flowing water, or other nature-inspired patterns.

#### Tell us about your creative process.

Jacob: Mostly I just wing it. Okay, not quite, but there is an element to my creative process that is very spontaneous. I start with the blue sky, big picture ideation. Once I dream up something fantastical, I work backward to make it realistic and functional.

### How has working with Handmade at Amazon changed your business?

Steve: Amazon has really done this handmade thing right. They are completely dedicated to the idea of promoting truly handmade works and offering a venue for artists to showcase their goods. It's actually quite astounding that a small father and son jewelry business can get our work in front of Amazon's huge customer base.

## What led you to your path as an artist/maker?

Jacob: When I was growing up, my father's studio was only a few steps out the front door of our home. This was incredibly entertaining for me and my siblings, although with the three of us running in and out of his workspace all day, I don't know how he ever got anything done. Both of our parents were so encouraging of our creativity and they prioritized the time to make things together as a family. I think living in a creative household combined with the skills I learned in my father's studio and around our mountain home instilled in me the confidence to seek a career as a maker.

### What does the future hold for your business?

**Steve:** Very good things, I think. It is growing like crazy and as it does we are working on introducing more and more really unique patterned metal items. That means lots of innovation and development work, which I love to do. Having a family business is a dream come true, and I love thinking that maybe one day the business Jacob and I have created will be passed on to his children and beyond!

Discover more of Steven and Jacob's amazing work at amazon.com/handmade/StevenJacob

# Handmade at amazon

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