



## *Curro Baby Grand*



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Recently, I decided to take on a new adventure and push my craftsman abilities to the limit. I love pianos. I am familiar with many instruments and can play, at a basic level, quite a few of them, but pianos occupy a special place in my life. Because of this love for pianos, I enjoy working on them (I even chose it as my profession). Unfortunately for me, I currently have a shop that is too small and difficult to access to fit any sort of normal sized piano.

As I build my client base, I also find that I have some free time in between tunings or repair jobs. I use it to play piano, but I have also started working on pianos a fraction of the size. I decided if I can't fit real pianos in my shop, I should just make them small enough so they do fit. Thus, "Curro Baby Grand" was born.

I have always been interested in crafting things. I started by making toys out of paper in grade school. Eventually I graduated to cardboard and duct tape; a far more sturdy combination of materials for larger projects. While attending college I was able to nurture my creative "building-stuff" urge by working on the pianos in the music school. But sometimes even that was not enough. I would come home during breaks and construct a new costume or build something. I came to discover that if I don't create something tangible every now and then; something I can touch, hold, and look at, I'm frustrated and sad.



Every time I make one of these miniatures I try to improve on something I did on the previous model. Eventually, I hope to branch into uprights, historical pianos, famous pianos, and artistic pianos. This is only the beginning.

Recently, I built a mini piano for a friend of mine who got married last month. I decided to go all out with a special finish, spiral legs, and a "wedding bells" music desk.

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Please enjoy the photos. For those interested in owning one of my "Curro Baby Grand" pianos please contact me by email.

