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The Selwood Forest Cabinets
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Covering the far wall in Lord Bath's bedroom, the Selwood Forest Cabinets are made in the finest Rippled Sycamore. After endless searching and a tip off from Malcolm Baker, another local woody, I found two logs from the Stourhead Estate. Our native Sycamore occasionally becomes infected with a mystery something and this results in a beautiful grain pattern more commonly known as "fiddleback".

As the rightful quest for figured temperate hard woods, rather than tropical hard woods, gathers momentum, patrons like Lord Bath lead the way. He is a magnificent supporter of modern Decorative Arts and insists that all the fine cabinetry he has had done over the last 15 years is made out of native timbers. John Makepiece and Tony Portus have also been commissioned by Longleat.

The decorative screen in the middle has over 5,000 individual l.e.d lights and Lord Bath can control the mood of the lighting, creating infinite colour combinations from eerie bluish moonlight to a reddish sunset.

The Millennium Bed has two towers either side of the headboard. These are tapering cones that house five intricate cupboards.

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