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## Carve niche

The rare combination of malleability and strength inherent in wood has caused it to be one of the primary building materials used throughout history. These same properties, along with wood's natural warmth and beauty, have also enticed skillful woodcarvers to create fanciful designs in the wood. From grand palaces to humble farmhouses, people have always delighted in enriching the interior walls, ceilings, cabinetry and furniture of their homes with unique decorative wood details.

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## We Give Attention to Your Details

All of **HUB Design/Build's** clients have particular needs and desires that make them unique. In our business, one size does not fit all and, therefore, we don't build cookie-cutter projects. Each of our designs is a culmination of many hours spent with our clients discussing their individual dreams for their home, and then creating spaces specifically designed to fulfill those dreams.

In the kitchen featured on page 4, HUB Design/Build was able to blend our clients' various lifestyle needs into the updated kitchen they wanted, complete with all the modern amenities. Crucial for them is a warming drawer to keep food warm until all the family members arrive home. Also extremely

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*"At HUB Design/Build Lynne focuses on design, product selection and client interaction. Mark handles the details of construction, making sure that everything is crafted to our high standards of quality."*

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# Carve your own niche

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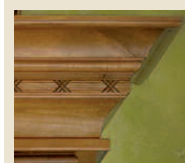
When planning your new kitchen, bathroom, office or family room, keep in mind that it is also possible in the 21st Century to embellish those rooms with hand-carved, embossed or turned wood architectural details. Manufacturers producing these products originally crafted them for the fine furniture industry, but since cabinetry has increasingly taken on the furniture look, the products are now being used on cabinets as well.



Enkeboll recently introduced these four new collections.

Decorative wood items range from corbels, onlays, rosettes, knobs and finials to elaborate crown mouldings. The designs can be animal, fruit or floral themed, or they can be traditional patterns from bygone eras, such as the acanthus leaf of ancient Greece. Your choice should coordinate with the interior design of the rest of the room.

So, whatever cabinet style you prefer, whether the straight lines of the Craftsman style or the curvilinear lines of Old World Tuscan, appropriate wood carvings are available or may be custom-made to transform your quality cabinet into something exceptional and highly personal. Kathy Hudson of White River Hardwoods estimates that on an average the price of kitchen cabinets increases between 10-20% when adding hand-carved decorative elements. To ensure that the decorative elements are of the correct size, style and finish to match your cabinets, these carvings need to be included in your original remodeling plans. ■



The pattern shown at the top of the cabinetry is "Reed & Wrap" by Klise. While this is typically an embossed pattern, the company's unique manufacturing process allows it to be carved. The carved pattern allows for better visibility from a distance. Corbels are available from Klise's Finishing Touches collections.

## On The Cover (middle panel)

This photo features the following moderately priced kitchen upgrades using decorative mouldings and handcarvings from White River Hardwoods.

- Rangehood features: Lion's Head Rosette, Corbels and Frieze.
- Island features: Decorative columns.
- Cabinet doors: Onlay—Clipped Scroll Corners.
- Crown moulding on top of cabinetry and range hood.
- Panel moulding on cabinet doors and drawers and as part of the rangehood build-up.



## Keep It Cool

From Robern comes this ingenious mirrored cabinet with cold storage. One half of the 20-by-30 inch unit provides a refrigerator-like temperature for storing health and wellness products, high-end cosmetics or anything else that requires being kept cold in the bathroom. The cold storage cabinet is also convenient in a private spa or gym for keeping water and sports drinks chilled. The other compartment holds toothbrushes, soaps and other items that do not benefit from a cold environment. ■



Photo: By James F. Wilson

The luxurious ambience of this walk-in closet is accentuated with a chandelier.

The black crystals on the new Jasmine chandelier are glossy rather than glitzy.

of the many-faceted leaded glass crystal, chandeliers began to glow with a far greater brilliance than ever before, lighting up the great ballrooms of the wealthy with extravagant beauty.

Once electric incandescent lamps came on the scene, the chandelier was no longer utilitarian. After that, the chandelier was elevated to a decorative element in a room—something that was desired for its looks even more than its function.



www.schonbek.com



Courtesy of Schonbek Worldwide Lighting Inc. (www.schonbek.com)

A Schonbek Renaissance crystal chandelier hovering over this minimalist kitchen helps signal the presence of haute cuisine.

Today there has been a resurgence in the popularity of the chandelier. However, they are not being restricted to expected locations such as the foyer or dining room. Chandeliers are now showing up in walk-in closets, bathrooms, kitchens, children's bedrooms and entertainment rooms. Basically, designers are placing them in every room of the house, and even multiple chandeliers in a room. It is a light fixture that evokes the elegance and romance of past centuries, and therefore adds sparkle and a certain mystique to any space.

The current hot trends include color choices as never before. Yesterday's traditional brass metal frame has given way to dark bronze and polished nickel as well

as brushed aluminum and stainless steel for a modern look. Crystals are now being offered in jewel tones, golds, pastels and even jet black—a very trendy, very edgy look. As far as style, truly no other light fixture has ever taken on so many unusual and fanciful forms.

# Crystal Clear

It's hard to believe, but the earliest chandelier was totally utilitarian, developed with the purpose of extending the limited reach of candlelight over a larger area. The simple light fixture was formed from two pieces of wood fastened in a cross-shape with a nail at each end to hold a candle upright. This primitive chandelier was attached to a rope and then hoisted upwards. When the candles needed replacement or it was time to snuff them out for the night, the fixture could easily be lowered back down to the floor.

As the chandelier developed and more candles were added, the frame became increasingly complex and was often constructed from metal, such as wrought iron or brass. Shiny brass plates, mirrors and rock crystals were attached to help reflect the candlelight and increase the light output. With the later addition



Photo: Courtesy of SANIJET (www.sanijet.com)

## Keep It Clean

SANIJET's Pipeless Spa Bath technology prevents bacteria and other microorganisms from building up within the system by eliminating the hidden inaccessible pipe surfaces where they collect. The spa baths are ideal for treatments using bath additives and spa products. With Pipeless hydrotherapy, the massage jets can be removed for proper disinfection, making cleaning and maintenance quick, easy and safe. The Pipeless Spa Bath pictured here is by world-renowned spa designer Gary Collier, from SANIJET's new Signature Collection.

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important to these clients is food quality. Like most people they are health conscious and want to receive all the nutrients and vitamins from fresh food and yet not compromise the taste by overcooking. We accomplished this by installing a steam oven, which seals in the flavor, color, moisture, vitamins and minerals lost by other cooking methods.

The kitchen was given a clean, sleek appearance by using flat panel cabinets in a simple slab style that emphasizes the natural wood. The long, slender hardware accentuates the horizontal lines created by the wide drawers. A bit of whimsy was added by placing squiggle-shaped handles on the spice drawers.

The tile backsplash is Chiaro tumbled marble accented with a bronze metal liner. Luminous grey glass decorative tile, hand-painted with copper, are set on angle to form diamond shapes in the backsplash. The wooden floor is wide-planked maple laid on a diagonal to give the room that extra pop. ■

