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CUSTOM CABINETS AND STORAGE TAKE A SPEC HOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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KITCHEN CABINETS AND OTHER BUILT-INS are among the priciest items in a home's interior, but they play a major role in the overall look and everyday livability for homeowners. A perfect example is this custom home in Truckee, Calif.

Designed by Bridgehampton, N.Y.-based Blaze Makoid Architecture and located in the private community of Martis Camp, the 6,379-square-foot luxury home offers sweeping views of a meadow and surrounding mountain ranges, with seamless indoor/outdoor living and warm, modern interiors.

The developer sought storage that solved typical homeowner needs in clever ways, but the installations also had to be flexible and attractive. "The home is a high-value spec home, so the developer wanted storage solutions that would elevate the property, making it even more desirable to potential buyers," according to Blaze Makoid.

Additionally, the developer asked for "eye-catching solutions that would add a level of character and interest compared with what is typically found in spec projects—basic, mundane casework."

Enter Seattle-based Henrybuilt, a high-end kitchen/millwork brand founded in 2001. For this home, Henrybuilt designed and built the kitchen, bar, bath vanities, wardrobe, and the open-case storage system that's located in the lower entry space. "We gave input on the layout, designed the specific systems for each room, and advised on appliances," says Julianna Morais, Henrybuilt's vice president of design.

For the kitchen, Henrybuilt used a mix of plank-matched walnut veneers and gray high-pressure laminate, while the wardrobe, vanities, and open-case installation throughout the house are made from plank-matched walnut and feature Henrybuilt-designed pulls in bronze powder-coated stainless steel. The company also fabricated custom elements throughout the home, such as a valet in the wardrobe system and open-case storage in the entry.



Using plank-matched walnut veneer and high-pressure laminate, Seattle millwork brand Henrybuilt designed the kitchen, wardrobe, and open-case storage to blend in with the architecture of this California home.



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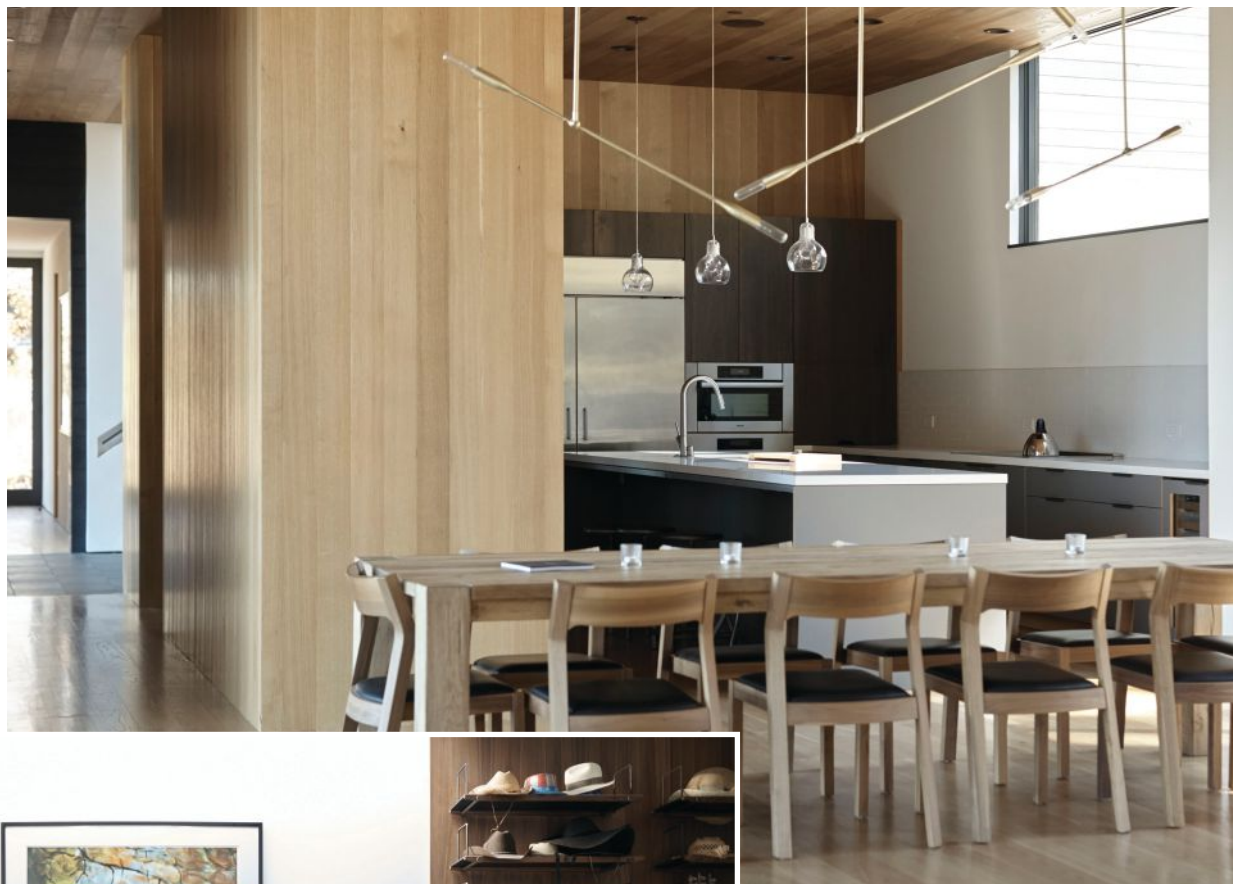
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Kitchen cabinets, bar, bath vanities, wardrobe, and open-case storage in plank-matched walnut and gray high-pressure laminate

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Henrybuilt says the built-ins and the kitchen blend with the house but also strengthen the overall design. The millwork company designs elements in 1/8-inch increments and offers a wide variety of options, including 20 tones of oak, walnut, and ash and a wide range of high-pressure laminate colors. It also offers a pigmented polyurethane

that can be matched to any paint chip.

"We focused on tailoring our product to the surrounding architecture, as well as to the warm, natural palette of wood and stone," Morais says. "In terms of build quality, our product is impeccably crafted in Seattle and built to last, allowing it to live up to the surrounding architecture." **P**