



# AGAINST THE GRAIN

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**THE PLACE:** Everything is custom and the possibilities are endless. **Exquisite Wood Designs Inc.** (EWD) is a company built on passion, talent, creativity and customer service. Owners Bryan Duncan and John Carscadden combined their backgrounds in high-end furniture design to offer quality custom cabinetry that they design and

manufacture right on site. Selling direct to the customer not only enables them to offer their products at more reasonable prices, but also ensures quality and satisfaction. At the Owen Sound showroom, you can view samples of EWD's detailed woodwork and choose from a large variety of countertop styles and materials. *Continued on page 36*



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**THE STYLE:** With everything being custom, the style is all your own. It doesn't stop at cabinetry either. Kitchens, bathrooms, staircases, closets, office spaces, mouldings and trim are all part of the EWD team's extensive skill set. You'll work one-on-one with a design specialist who will use state-of-the-art 3-D software to bring your project to life. "What makes us different is we make the process fun and stress-free because we love what we do," says John.

**THE PROJECT:** The team at EWD recently worked with homeowners outside Meaford to create some beautiful rooms and features in their new home (as seen in these photos). A complete custom and highly functional kitchen, a baker's pantry, a contemporary laundry room with ample storage, a gorgeous fireplace surround and a uniquely designed laundry room are all testaments to the care, talent and professionalism that goes into all of their work. The bathroom vanities and trim work throughout the home are also EWD's handiwork.

**SEASONAL:** As the season turns, homeowners are focusing on interior projects. Custom furniture, wall units, closet organizers, bars and wine cellars take precedence. "The fact that we can design just about anything keeps us busy right through the off season," explains John.

**FAVOURITES:** When it comes to cabinetry, designs that always top the must-have list are: hidden compartments, magic corners, specialty pantries, removable spice-rack systems and integrated cabinetry motion. "In terms of products we offer," says John, "my personal favourite is our Homapal collection of exotic alloys and solid acrylics."

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