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# RAISING THE GRAIN

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**THE PLACE:** At the southwest corner of Thornbury's Bruce and Louisa streets, **C & G Solid Wood Furniture Co.** entices you in for a look. While furniture is its namesake, five rooms inside are full of home décor inspiration. The shop opened in 2012, after owner Laureen Van Groningen thought Thornbury would be a great spot to open a satellite shop of her family's successful Cambridge store. "My family has been skiing in Southern Georgian Bay since 1998, and I knew this community would be a great fit for the beautiful furniture we make," says Laureen. With the help of Manager Susan McDonald, C & G has become a go-to for furniture in the region's homes, as well as the finishing touches for home décor.

**THE SERVICES:** "Our furniture is made with solid wood, and it's made to last," says Laureen. If you like what you see in the store, purchase it. But, what if you like the style, but it's too large, small, short or tall? C & G's carpenters can customize for you. "We love offering our customers the flexibility of getting the wood, finish, texture and hardware the way they want it," says Laureen.



**THE STYLE:** You'll find a broad range of furniture designs, including the industrial-style Distillery collection with metal pipe legs and the Millwright Beam collection. Railroad-spike wall-mounted coat racks and hall trees easily support heavy winter gear. Home décor complements the region's laid back style with playful, quality-made pillows, bedding and lamps.

**WHAT'S HOT:** Live-edge charcuterie boards in solid maple are hot. They come with optional engraved place names including Georgian Bay, Thornbury, Collingwood, Blue Mountain and more.



Figurines are making a décor comeback, like a trio of Brighton Beach-posed women, as are animals of all strokes – you'll find a ram and duck in driftwood and linen, or forest animals in glazed white ceramic. Vintage-look photography is also trending – crisply framed downhill skis and skiers bring a touch of colour into snowy scenes.

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