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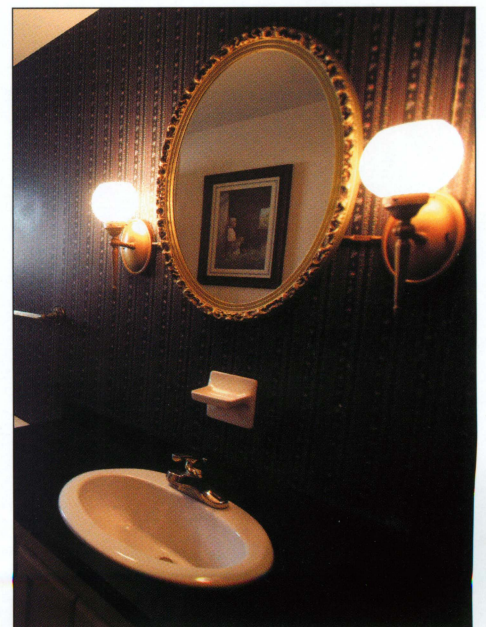
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ONE OF HAYS' OLDEST HOMES LOOKS FOR NEW OWNER



Cutting-edge cabinetry



Former teacher constructs customized furnishings in Hays workshop

Unique. That's the kind of furniture Jeremy Huxman enjoys creating with his business, Huxman Custom Cabinets and Woodworking. Whatever the customer wants, Huxman is willing to make it happen.

"The more unique, the better," he said.

His one-man business, based in his home just outside Hays, offers full-service custom building. He focuses mainly on kitchen and bathroom cabinets and kitchen islands and countertops, but also can make items such as beds and bookcases.

The business is also the only area dealer for John Boos Butcher Blocks, a high-end type of butcher block used by several celebrity chefs. The blocks can be built into kitchen countertops.

Huxman, a native of Ransom, worked as a high school teacher in the Clifton-Clyde school district for four years. He began making log furniture on the side for extra income and became hooked on the trade of woodworking.

His family relocated to Hays, and he spent four years working at local custom cabinet shops before venturing out on his own. It was primarily the desire for a more flexible schedule that spurred his decision, he said.


HAYS' CUSTOM CRAFTSMAN
By KALEY CONNER





“I wanted to do more things with the kids,” Huxman said. “It turns out I work more now than I did, but I can do it on weekends and evenings.”

He and his wife have three children, ages 10, 12 and 14.

Business has been steady, and his customer base has been increasing since Huxman began networking with local interior designers. Sometimes he installs cabinets their clients order or helps with other projects, but other times he is given the opportunity to provide high-end custom cabinets for their clientele.

“I can make anything somebody shows me,” Huxman said.

“But getting hooked up with the designers in town has helped out because I couldn’t design this,” he said, gesturing to a modern, custom-made bathroom cabinet he was working on earlier this year.

He also enjoys working with clients who have their own ideas, or bring him pictures of dream projects they find online.

“And Pinterest,” Huxman said, referring to the online idea board.

“Pinterest is a curse and a blessing, I guess. People see stuff on that they want, and it’s good to get ideas off the pictures, but doing it sometimes costs more than they’d expect.”

Huxman also is willing to accommodate the client’s budget. Using different types of materials can affect the project’s cost, and it also is possible to have only portions of a cabinet set customized.

Some customers buy mostly

stock cabinets, then Huxman makes a piece or two to fit a specific size and give the cabinets a custom-made feel.

He also is willing to take on smaller projects, such as installing stock cabinets, countertops or hanging trim work. Huxman also travels to outlying communities.

“If I won the lottery, I’d still be doing it,” he said of his business. “It’s just what I like to do.”

For more information, visit huxmancustomcabinets.com.

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