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What's happening coast-to-coast in custom home design? We've asked leading architects, builders, interior designers and other housing professionals for advice on creating the chic homes of today.

Discover what these leaders in building and design have to say about what's new and how to achieve it all!



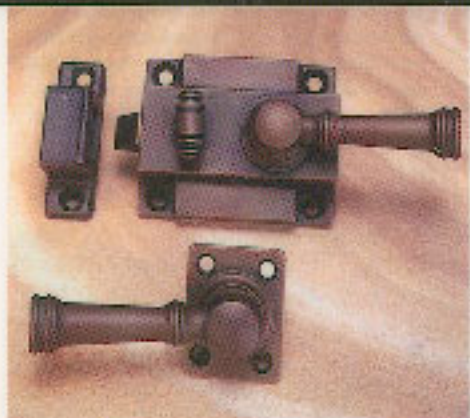
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## 2 Timeless Beauty

NEW YORK

*Jeffrey McKean Architect, P.C.*

"As the stage upon which we enact our domestic lives, the home ought to clarify and support our moods and desires, resonating with the human spirit. Essential to this end are the characteristics of architecture that are timeless and constant. The qualities of light on natural materials, harmonizing proportions and elegant detailing all contribute to the poetic experience. Often, it is merely a matter of reducing forms and materials to their essential state and allowing light and human emotion to do the rest."



## Making Hardware Your Own

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CONNECTICUT

*Canaan Distributors Corp.*

"More clients today are choosing to design their own door hardware. Whether it's a custom screen door kick in oil-rubbed bronze or another piece of finely crafted metalwork, custom designed hardware adds a subtle personal touch to a home."

## 1 History in the Flooring

COLORADO

*Cardale Wide Plank Floors*

"We are seeing a desire from homeowners to create environments that are beautiful and distinctive while remaining warm and welcoming. The variety of color, width and styles (new or antique) of wide plank floors add these elements, as well as a touch of history to any home, no matter what style."

## 3 Celebrating Our Roots

SAN DIEGO

*Diva Interior Design, Ltd.*

"In order to make their residences warm and comfortable, with character and charm, many of today's homeowners are returning to California's early architectural roots. As a result, Spanish Colonial Revival architecture has once again found a strong following. These comfortable interiors complement everything Southern California living is about: grace, charm, style and casual elegance."



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## Building on a Strong Foundation

CONNECTICUT/WESTCHESTER COUNTY

*Beachwalk Builders, LLC:*

"Good bones" are the foundation of any successful building project. We are seeing a resurgence in clients' desires to enhance the fundamental features in their homes. Tray or barrel ceilings are being included in many master bedroom suites. Instead of paring down, clients are indulging in rich, thick moldings, custom millwork and raised panels. A custom archway may be designed to elegantly transition from grand foyer to formal living room. These "foundation updates" soothe the atmosphere in a home, while adding a sense of refinement and stature."

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## Natural Selection

DETROIT

*DeStasio Architects:*

"A resurgent desire exists in homeowners to bring more warmth and character into their homes. Architectural firms have responded by integrating more natural surfaces, particularly wood, into their designs. Traditional woods like mahogany, maple and walnut are being used more prominently, and exotic selections such as azebra, Brazilian cherry and lacewood are being introduced. Rather than restricting themselves to a singular wood within a home, designers are combining woods to provide accents and add visual interest. The usage of wood is expanding beyond simple flooring and doors to other applications including veneered paneled walls and ceiling trim detailing."



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