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Innovations

Products We Love: Wood Counters by DeVos



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"I have favorite products in just about every category, but since we're starting to use wood counters more often I'll single out **DeVos Woodworking**, in Dripping Springs, Texas. They do everything with wood -- even bathtubs and sinks! -- and we like that they're a semi-local vendor, about 250 miles away.

"The wood in this kitchen installation is Jatoba, and it's one of the hardest woods available. It is sealed with Water-Lok, making it impervious to liquids. One of the reasons this homeowner went with wood specifically on their breakfast table is that they didn't want the 'coldness' of granite. Jatoba also adds another design aspect since it has great color and contrast compared to the other surfaces in the kitchen.



"With big kitchens such as this one, it is especially pleasing to see a different type of counter other than a 'hard' surface such as granite, quartz or marble and going with a wood surface really makes a statement.

"Working with DeVos is was very refreshing. My folks first went to their location to check it out for us, since it's near their home, and also to pick up some wood samples for us. They were treated to a full tour of the operation and my folks were very impressed! Once we showed the homeowners the wood samples, they fell in love with the idea and chose the Jatoba wood. DeVos was extremely easy to work with, they had great ideas, very flexible and could accommodate any request we had. For a relatively small operation (they probably employ 15-20 people), they put out amazing one of a kind products!

"I really think wood counters/products will see a big surge in the market in 2011 -- especially for wood's green/sustainability capabilities, as well as its design capabilities."

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