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Old World Craftsmanship

In a world of mass-production, Kevin Cradock Builders keeps to the time-honored tradition of hand craftsmanship

Founded in 1996, Boston-based Kevin Cradock Builders evolved from a finish carpentry business to a high-end, full-service construction company. Now, a team of 35 skilled carpenters, woodworkers, and project managers work on both renovations and new construction, building luxury residences in collaboration with architects and interior designers for discerning homeowners. "We craft the wood elements in a home – like cabinetry and millwork – in our own shop," explains president and founder Kevin Cradock, who was first introduced to carpentry as a teen and later took on an apprenticeship that got him hooked. "As a team, we are passionate about woodworking and architecture of any style, whether it's super modern, traditional or historic," says Cradock. "About 90 percent of our commissions are renovations, which require much more critical thinking and problem-solving than new construction. With a renovation or restoration, you have to channel the working methods of the original builders of the home if you want the final product to look cohesive."

The ethos at KCB is maintaining a high standard of quality and creating a positive experience for everyone involved. "Relationships are important to me. I value the interactions with clients, architects, and interior designers as well as the team here," Cradock says. Their projects will sometimes extend beyond Boston for longtime clients building vacation properties. "The variety of work makes it fun, and my passion for what we do keeps me engaged. The beauty we create as a team inspires me every day."



The team at Kevin Cradock Builders crafts all the custom cabinetry and millwork for each project in its Boston workshop. Eric Swanson (top right), the millwork manager, has been in the industry for more than 40 years and ensures top quality on every job. A bathroom vanity for a recent project features intricate, hand-carved panels. Owen Russell (bottom left), the shop foreman, perfecting the vanity panels in the shop prior to installation.

