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# Quietly spoken

Clean lines and careful attention to detail have created a calm space for cooking and relaxing

**Clean, simple details that allow the** essence of natural materials to shine through can provide a counterpoint to our busy lives.

That's the view of Doug Durbin, chief executive officer and director of design of nuHaus.

For this showroom display, Durbin has combined American black walnut and environmentally friendly reconstituted white oak with stainless steel and glass tiles, in a contemporary design influenced by both Europe and Asia.

"Everything about the space is calm: it lets the aesthetic quality of the materials make a statement, rather than relying on fussy ornamentation," he says.

"This kitchen is all about details – details that whisper to you, not shout. For example, the placement of the tall bookcase, and its interplay with the ceiling, brings an axis that balances the entire design."

The company builds many aspects

**These pages:** In this show kitchen, calm neutrals and warm browns create a restful space.



of the kitchens. Each NuHaus design integrates the cabinetry with other elements, such as ceilings, decorative hardware and kitchen worktables – all designed and built in-house.

"Because we have our own architectural millwork company, we have complete control of the process and the quality of the final product," says Durbin.

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