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# Sense of calm

Simple, understated details in the design of this kitchen create an air of serenity

**Above:** In this show kitchen, designed and built by nuHaus, a palette that includes calm neutrals and warm browns has been adopted to create a restful space.

**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. This family-owned and -operated company has been producing architectural millwork, fine furniture and cabinetry since it was founded by brothers John and Doug Durbin twenty years ago.

In this showroom kitchen, Doug Durbin has combined American black walnut and environmentally friendly reconstituted white oak with stainless steel and glass tiles in a contemporary

format that shows the influences of both European and Asian design.

"Everything about the space is calm; it lets the aesthetic quality of the materials make their own statement, rather than depending on fussy ornamentation," says Durbin.

"This kitchen is all about details – details that whisper to you, rather than 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 constructs many aspects 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 operate 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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**Above:** Careful detailing that is understated rather than fussy adds to the sense of calm in this kitchen.

**Left:** As well as designing and manufacturing kitchen cabinetry, nuHaus uses its extensive woodworking knowledge and experience to build furniture for other parts of the home.