

With his new Dwayne Bergmann Cabinetry, the renowned Fort Myers interior designer proves that your built-ins can be trip-shelf.

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Whether you're a wonderful cook or struggle to remember where you keep the plates, we can all agree that a beautiful kitchen feeds the soul. Interior designer Dwayne Bergmann, who recently debuted a new studio on Naples' Third Street South, has created more than a few stunning culinary showcases in his career. But he started finding it difficult to express his creative vision with what he saw as a limited offering from mainstream cabinet manufacturers. None were willing or able to produce the bold concepts he proposed. So he started his own line.

"As a creative individual you can only hear 'no' so many times before you try to figure something else out," Bergmann says. "We are constantly faced with this open concept-great room architecture where you see the kitchen from the front door. And let's face it, cabinet designs and the way that we're presenting kitchens really hasn't evolved that much in the last 50 to 60 years."

His eponymous line brings his flair for glamour along with the functionality necessary for a chef-grade space. "I want the kitchen to look like a piece of art, but still function as if you were in a restaurant pumping out 50 to 60 meals a night," he says, referring to the internal components behind the design.

When dreaming up the styles, he started with the door profiles, using MDF (medium-density fiberboard), and mixing in the aforementioned various materials (along with others such as linen, silk and glass), then adding texture. Next he worked on the inside, reimagining the framing and adding flourishes such as walnut trim. He's also happy to add linings such as leather or fuchsia velvet if you feel—as you should—that your utensils deserve such luxury.

The final product features a wide variety of styles and finishes, from fluted to scalloped to reverse bevel and silhouette—just to name a few. Curves, colors, sheens, textures and veneers are limited only by Bergmann's (and your) imagination. There are even full cabinets wrapped in hand-hammered mattie brass. That particular example is glamorous, fashion-forward and unlike anything you've seen before. It may have been made for a Bond villain. And you know they've always got the best stuff. It's finally time for kitchens to shine.

Of course, the cabinets work just as perfectly out of the kitchen: in bathrooms, media walls, offices—any space can benefit from the highly stylized designs. dwaynbergmanncabinetry.com ❧

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Bergmann, who recently opened a showroom in Naples, sets out to break the mold with his new line of cabinetry that blends functionality with contemporary glamour.

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Bergmann never shies away from opulence and elegance in his designs. Prime example: this custom closet core with TruStile interior doors embellished with mirrors, molding and metallic paint. After years of hearing "no" when he'd propose out-of-the-box ideas to cabinet makers, he decided to launch his own line, in which he makes full use of chic materials, like glass, silk and brass.