

DESIGN • BUILD • PROBLEM SOLVING

PORTfolio

ERIC STAVENESS, OWNER

DESIGNER • MAKER • PROJECT LEAD

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ERIC *Staveness*



Designer, maker, and creative problem solver with more than a decade of experience creating custom residential and commercial projects. Eric turns unusual spaces, client needs, and challenging ideas into thoughtful, buildable solutions—from concept and fabrication through installation.

CORE CAPABILITIES

- **Custom Design & Fabrication** – Furniture, millwork, built-ins, architectural features and specialty projects.
- **Creative Problem-Solving** – Original solutions for unusual spaces, functional challenges and custom client needs.
- **Project Leadership** – Client collaboration, estimating, materials, fabrication, installation and field coordination.

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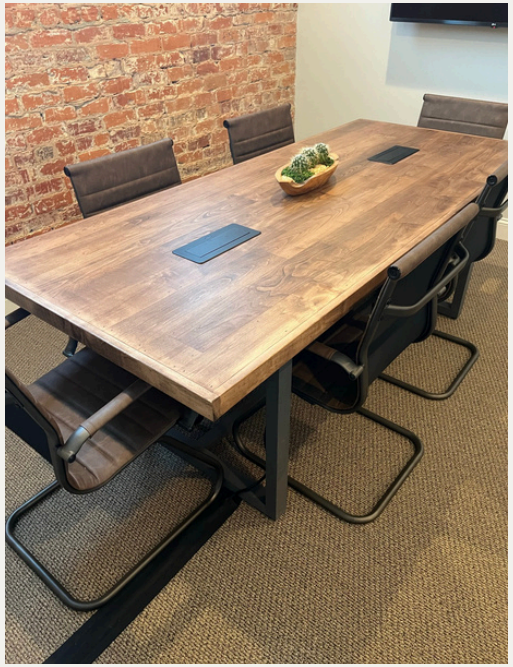
Commercial *Workspace*





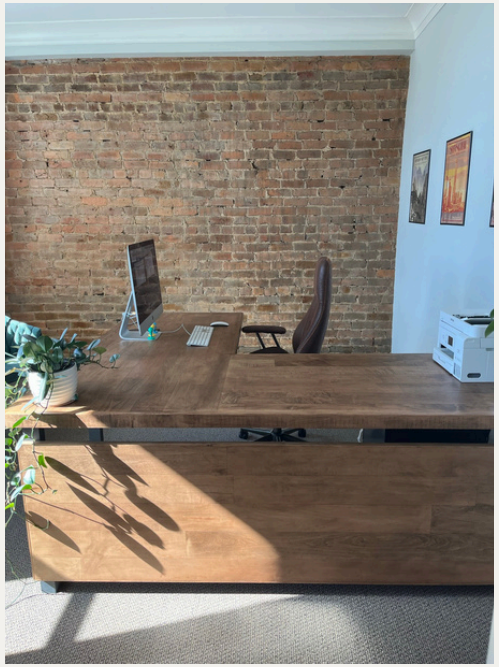
Yunjia Decor needed custom furnishings for its flooring design workspace that supported creative work, client presentations, and heavy sample storage while complementing the historic brick interior. Eric designed an L-shaped executive desk, powered conference table, oversized collaborative worktable, and heavy-duty sample library, all in maple with Carrington stain. He also incorporated and installed specialized full-spectrum lighting for evaluating flooring color and finish.

Design Thinking + *Details* 03



THE NEED

A working flooring-design studio needed to handle unusually heavy sample books, provide multiple work surfaces, support client presentations, and allow accurate evaluation of color and finishes.



ERIC'S IDEA

Rather than fill the room with unrelated furniture, Eric designed the pieces as one cohesive workspace — sized and positioned around how the team actually worked.



THE SOLUTION

Custom maple furnishings included the L-shaped executive desk, powered conference table, oversized collaborative worktable, heavy-duty sample library, and specialized full-spectrum lighting.



WHY IT MATTERED

The finished space combined storage, collaboration, client presentation, and accurate material evaluation while still feeling appropriate to the historic brick architecture.

Residential Bar + *Custom Cat Shelf*

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THE NEED

Transform an underused kitchen nook into a functional bar while creating a new piece that coordinated naturally with the clients' existing live-edge dining table.



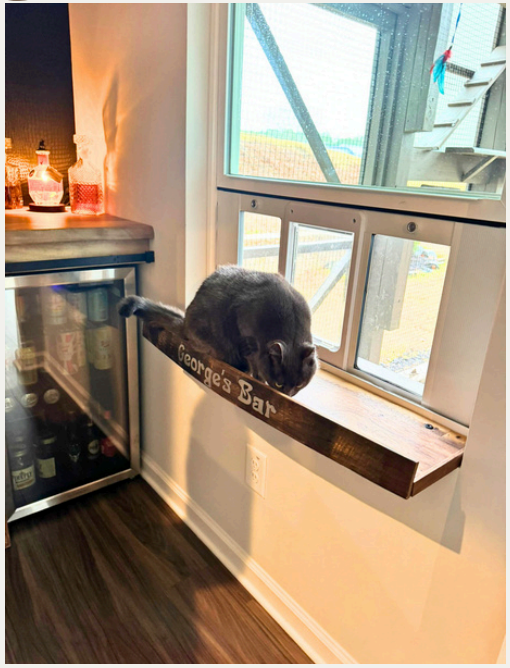
ERIC'S IDEA

Eric sourced hard-to-find East Indian walnut and developed a finish that brought out its natural warmth while coordinating with the clients' existing acacia table.



THE SOLUTION

After testing finishes, Eric used a natural stain to enrich the wood's tones, followed by clear water-based polyurethane to protect it without adding unwanted color.

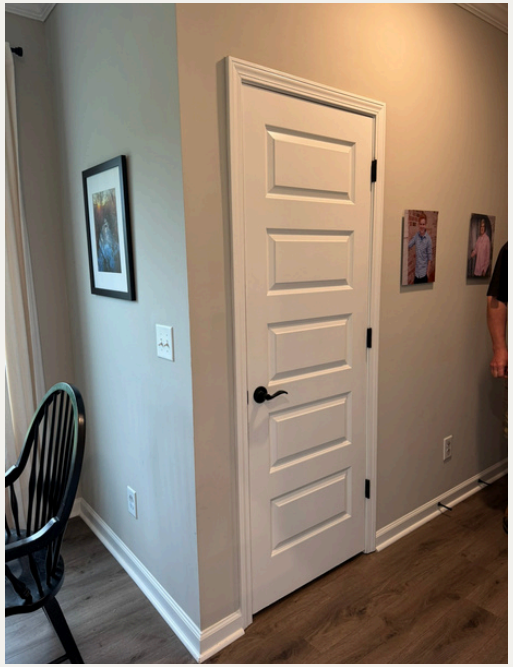


WHY IT MATTERED

The finished bar felt at home beside the existing dining table, while Eric's whiskey-barrel cat shelf solved an unexpected functional need without disrupting the room's design.

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CUSTOM ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN + *Installation*



THE NEED

A narrow hallway made a swinging pantry door impractical. The antique-loving client wanted a solution with history and character that still provided privacy while allowing light into the pantry.



ERIC'S IDEA

After months of searching, Eric found a historic door from an 1800's home at a local barn sale. Its size worked for the opening, and its layered, weathered finish was exactly the character the space needed.



THE SOLUTION

Eric rebuilt weakened joints, carefully preserved the original patina, added tempered acid-etched glass, and created a new distressed header designed to visually belong with the century-old door.



WHY IT MATTERED

The sliding door solved the tight-hallway problem while turning a functional pantry entrance into a one-of-a-kind architectural feature — preserving the imperfections and history that made the original door special while allowing light into the pantry.

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CUSTOM ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN + *Installation*



THE NEED

For the client's new-build kitchen, she wanted a furniture-style island inspired by The Great British Bake Off — with the character of an antique piece she couldn't find commercially.



ERIC'S IDEA

Eric designed the oak island from scratch with hand-turned legs, soft-close drawers, and a built-in towel bar, then carried that same warm, collected feel into a custom range hood.



THE SOLUTION

Eric laminated three oak boards into each turning blank for the oversized island legs. For the hood, he milled poplar saved from a tree on the client's grandfather's property and designed a removable access panel for installation.

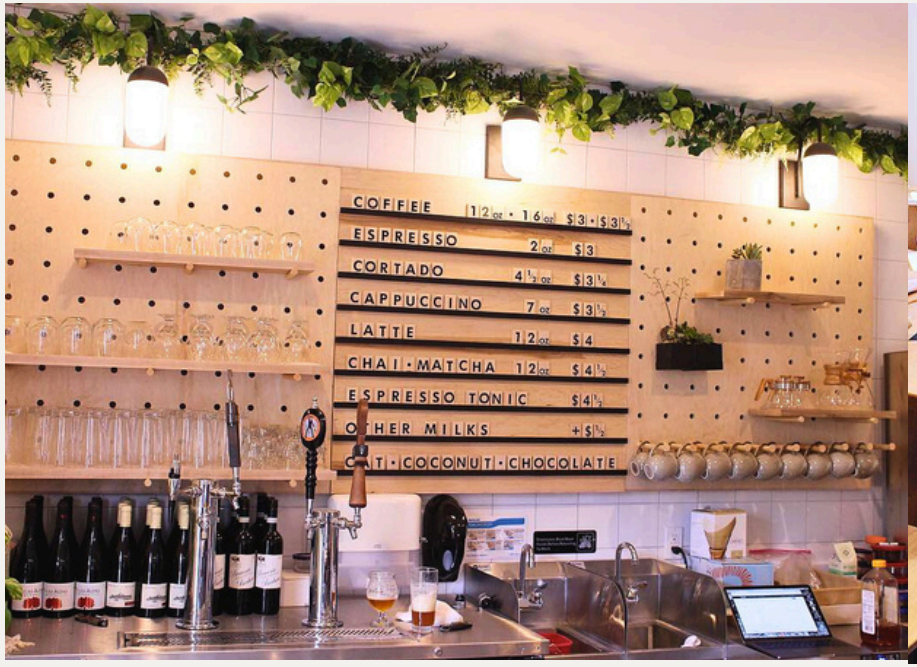


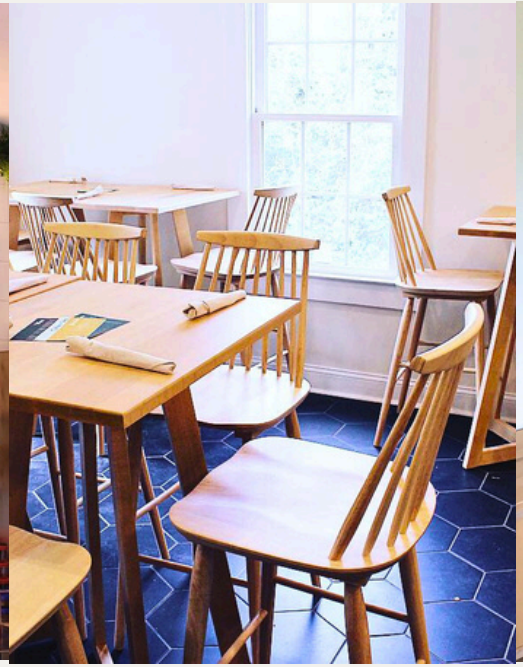
WHY IT MATTERED

The island gave the new kitchen the old-world character the client wanted, while the hood brought an actual piece of her family history into the room. Both were stained Early American to keep the different woods in the same tonal family.

Restaurant Interior + *Custom Furnishings*

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THE NEED

Create a cohesive restaurant interior with custom furnishings and built-ins that supported both the guest experience and day-to-day operation.

ERIC'S IDEA

Rather than treat each item as a separate build, Eric developed a consistent material and design language across the space while solving the restaurant's specific functional needs.

THE SOLUTION

Eric created the dining tables, hidden-storage benches, menu display, shelving, trash enclosure, hospitality/service table, and an elevated planter designed for easy plant removal and maintenance.

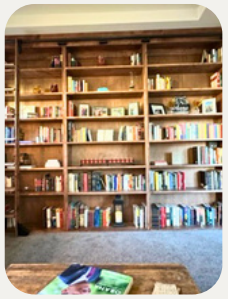
WHY IT MATTERED

The result was a coordinated commercial space where seating, storage, service, display, and architectural details worked together instead of feeling pieced together.

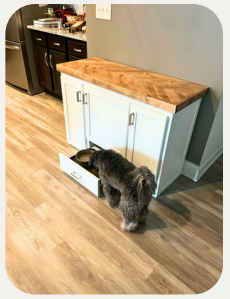
One Home *Many Custom Solutions*



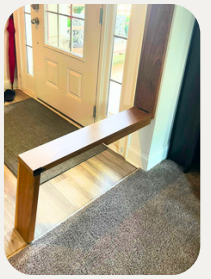
What began as one custom project grew into an ongoing relationship, with the homeowners returning to Eric for solutions throughout their home. From architectural features and storage to pet and entryway needs, each project was designed around how they actually lived.



LIBRARY



PET FEEDING STATION



FOLD-DOWN ENTRY SEAT



CUSTOM BARN DOOR



PANTRY ORGANIZATION



ENTRY / MUDROOM SOLUTION

Coffee Shop + *Custom Build-Out* Interior

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FULL-SCALE PROTOTYPING

When the owner had difficulty visualizing the new service counter, Eric built a full-scale mockup to test the layout, proportions and function in the actual space.



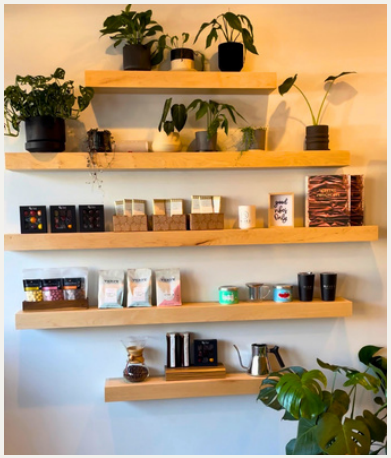
DESIGNED FOR REAL USE

The commercial cooler was enclosed with removable wood panels, allowing it to feel built into the shop while remaining accessible for maintenance.



FROM CONCEPT TO BUILD

Eric translated the approved concept into the finished service counter with shiplap, cabinetry, shelving and integrated work areas.







THROUGHOUT THE SHOP

Eric also created two walls of floating shelving, a custom bench, merchandise and countertop displays, cabinetry, and the shop's sandwich-board sign.

How Eric Works: *From Idea to Installation*

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LISTEN + UNDERSTAND

Understand the client's needs, style, function, and challenges within the space.

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MEASURE + ENVISION

Study the space, identify constraints, and develop solutions based on how it will be used.

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DESIGN + MATERIALS

Refine proportions, materials, finishes, and details through sketches, samples, and mockups.

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FABRICATE + REFINE

Build in the studio, adjusting details as the project takes shape.

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INSTALL + SOLVE

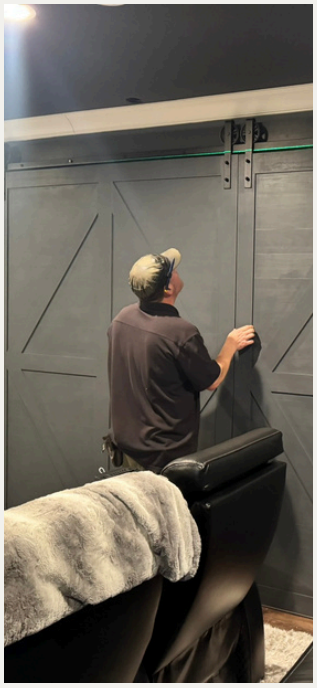
Carry the project through installation, adapting solutions to real-world conditions..







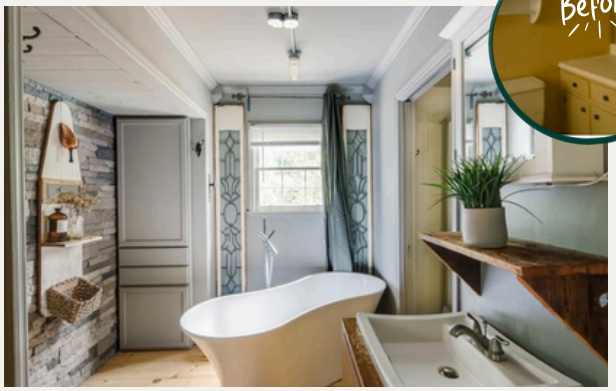


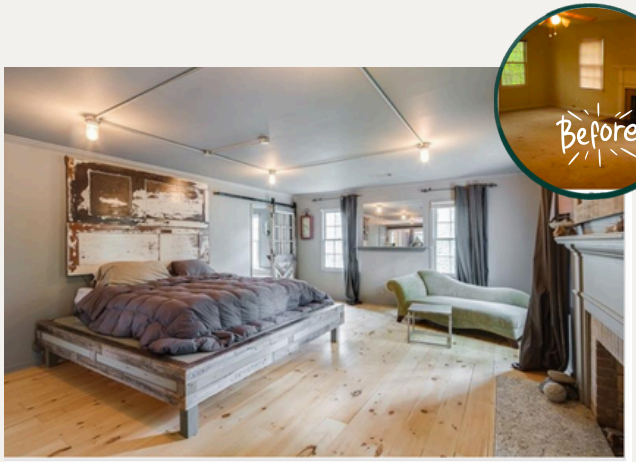


Seeing What a Home *Could Be*

PERSONAL RESIDENCE | KENNESAW, GEORGIA

Eric saw potential in the Kennesaw house before the finished spaces existed. Over time, he redesigned and rebuilt every room, using custom architectural details, furnishings, materials and spatial solutions to create one cohesive home.

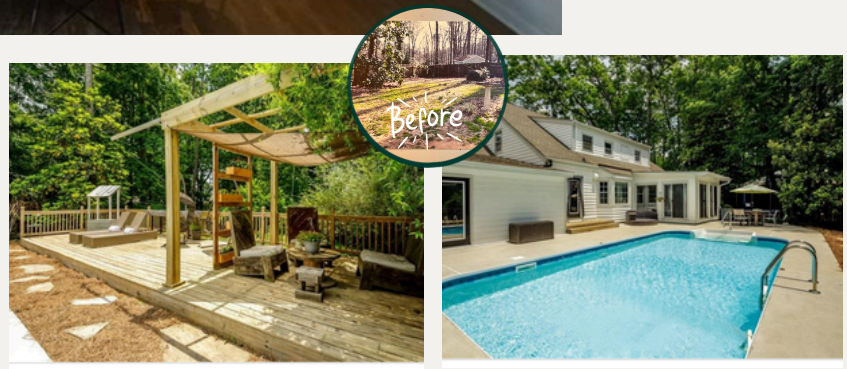












BACKYARD TRANSFORMATION
Deck + Pergola + Pool

Have a Space, Idea, or Problem

That Needs a Custom Solution?

Staveness Studios collaborates with homeowners, interior designers, builders, and hospitality professionals to create custom furnishings, architectural features, and one-of-a-kind design-build solutions.

Have a project that doesn't have an off-the-shelf answer? Let's talk.



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