

# MIDLAND *Room by Room*

FINE CABINETRY & MILLWORK

## The Bedroom

### *Designing the Place Where Dreams Are Made*

*There's no place like home — unless it's the bedroom. Even the word conjures what we expect to experience when we enter this intimate space: coziness, warmth, a refuge from the cares and craziness of our busy days.*

At Midland Cabinet Company, we collaborate with leading design professionals to help bring their vision of this ultimate “dream” room to life.

And what we've learned over the years is that while every room, whether it's the bedroom, living room or kitchen, reflects the needs and styling of its owner, the most important elements remain the same — expert workmanship, attention to detail, and, importantly, using our skills to both strengthen and refine the room's underlying character.

The character of the bedroom or master suite is a given: it's about peace and quiet, in atmosphere and design — even if it includes the most worldly of “outside” elements: the television set.

### Television Hideaways

Without doubt, the television is fully ensconced in the bedroom, today as much a part of the bedroom landscape as its most common television-viewing platform, the bed.

Once upon a time, a television in the bedroom was an assault on the aesthetically minded homeowner, much of that due to the set itself: the bulky frame, the mess of wires. That's not the case anymore. Televisions are thinner and trimmer — and Midland specializes in devising ways to have the best of both

bedroom worlds: a serene space and a television.

Our solution is a television that doesn't command attention: It's hidden, appearing “on demand” from cleverly placed hideaways.



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**On the wall:** One of our popular designs is to place the television in a recessed and paneled wall cabinet. The panel rises — on command by remote control, as with all our television solutions — to reveal the set tucked neatly into the recessed shelving.

**From the ceiling:** The wall-panel solution is best suited for larger flat-panel television sets. For more moderate-width flat-screen sets, the “disappearing” act is directed at the ceiling. In this system, Midland has created a motorized lifting mechanism that raises and lowers the television from its hideaway: a recess in the ceiling.

**TV in a Box:** The classic cedar, or “hope,” chest turns out to be a tidy way to have your television and hide it, too — not to mention its prime viewing location at the foot of the bed. Here, Midland again calls on its lifting mechanism: with a push of the remote, the lid on the chest opens and the television

emerges (and recedes on command). Contained in a special frame that encases the set to create a clean profile, all you see is the screen, not the sides of the television or unsightly wires.

## The Beauty of the Armoire

The armoire is the granddaddy of television hideaways, and for good reason. There are few pieces of furniture as versatile and appealing in style and design as the armoire — or large enough to hold a television and not be overwhelmed.

Proportion is of upmost importance, whether we’re considering a bedroom’s floor plan or the elements within the room, like the built-in armoire.

At Midland, we specialize in producing custom armoires, each constructed to the exacting specifications of the designer. We use the finest woods and fancy-face veneers; we augment the styling with room-appropriate detailing, such as crown cornice molding.

If it is a built-in unit, we consider the impact of the armoire on the room’s overall character. We may construct it to fit floor to ceiling, or craft it to look like a piece of furniture by leaving space between the top of the armoire and the ceiling.

As testament to the armoire’s versatility — and Midland’s ingenuity — we crafted a standalone armoire to double as a room divider between the master bedroom and the entrance to the master bath. On one side, the “typical” armoire, with shelving and space for the television, faces the sleeping area of the master bedroom. On the other side, the armoire has been transformed into a dressing area, complete with drawers, cabinets and a three-way, full-length mirror with recessed lighting.



*An example of our “TV in a box”: here, the television set rises out of (and recedes into) a specially crafted cabinet that doubles as a window seat.*

## Suite Dreams

Proportion is a key element in any sized bedroom. For the master suite, it includes an understanding of how to organize the space for maximum pleasure and usage.

A sitting room is a signature space in the master suite, and here our underlying goal is to ensure that what we provide for this area — whether it's bookshelves, armoires or one of our television solutions — balances utility with what the sitting room represents: a place to kick back and relax.



*Alcoves for window seats are prized spaces in the bedroom.*

Of all the options available for the sitting room, the bay window is easily the most popular and inviting. And creating bay window alcoves is another Midland specialty. Our solutions include paneled window seating constructed so that it gently follows the curves of the enclosure. While bay windows are

cherished for the natural light they let in, when the window design allows it, our recessed light bridge, hidden within the window canopy, offers subdued lighting for nighttime reading or atmosphere.

## Making an Entrance

With larger projects offering more space to work with, the master bedroom suite takes on a grand perspective, and calls for more luxurious styling. Midland's contributions to these sophisticated elements range from coffered ceilings and period-styled fireplace surrounds to bookshelves and wall paneling.

We also contribute what we believe to be the ultimate master bedroom statement: the doors leading into the suite. There should be two, not one.

Double doors, crafted from our premium wood collection, say it all: Through this spacious entryway is a very special, very personal sanctuary.



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