

# MIDLAND CABINET COMPANY *NEWSLETTER*

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## An Idea for Using Leap Day's Gift of Extra Time



2012 has 366 days. If you're at a loss for what to do with the extra time, here's a suggestion. Start streamlining your life, beginning with that over-stuffed closet. Midland specializes in many things, high-style clothes storage among them, from walk-in closets to fashion-forward dressing rooms.

From top to bottom, floors to doors, cabinetry to lighting, each element of any closet is of equal and exacting importance. A closet needs to be carefully engineered, because no matter how sumptuous it may be, a closet is only as good as what it offers: organization.

**Modern Walk-ins.** Whether it's a remodel or a space built from scratch, the first rule of thumb: to function correctly a walk-in closet needs to measure at least 7 feet wide by 12 feet deep, which allows for a 3-foot walkway. Best case: It also has a ceiling between 8- and 10-feet high, offering space for storage but also for hanging clothes. No worries about reaching those heights: Midland has developed a clever spring-balanced, draw-down clothes pole. See it in action at our San Carlos Showroom.

**Designer Dressing Rooms.** Elegant, beautifully rendered in the best fine-grained wood (like the rich walnut burl shown in the photo here), the formal dressing room can be a stylish dream come true.

Among the highlights of the dressing-room "closet": a centerpiece island, specially crafted to meet the needs of its anticipated contents, including lined and cushioned drawers for jewelry and cabinets with pull-out racks for ties and belts. Also at home in the formal dressing room, Midland's designed-to-order furniture, including highboys and armoires.

**Learn more.** For tips on how to maximize storage beautifully, read "Closets Make a Fashion Statement" in the [Midland Magazine](#) section of our website.



# Shop Talk: How We ‘Match’ Our Architectural Veneers

Midland works with the top tier of architectural veneers, known as fancy face. What makes them fancy is based on the nature of the wood and its grain. But it’s in the hands of the craftsman to do that wood proud through a process known as grain matching.

Of Midland’s three primary grain-matching styles — book matching, slip matching, and center balanced — the latter is the most aesthetically pleasing, and the most intricate to execute correctly.

Basically, for center-balanced matching, uniform sheets of veneers are assembled in a way that creates a symmetrical grain pattern — a linear look that can enhance a room’s overall design, as it does in the contemporary-styled wet bar shown here, created in rifts-on white oak. Read more on our [Finishes](#) web page.



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