



Bronx Week: Custom Craftsmen Create Beautiful Cabinets

In the following [Bronx Week](#) report, NY1's Dean Meminger focuses on a company that's a custom cut above the rest.

Wood craftsmen at their best: cutting, sanding and building.

"Everything is unique, one of a kind, everything," says Felix Henderson.

Cabinets, shelves, desks all hand made at Hendrickson Cabinetry. The company is inside of a very nondescript building on St. Ann's Avenue, but the work inside is anything but non-descript.

Special cabinets are made to order for customers with million dollar homes. Price tags range from \$30,000 up to \$300,000.

"People always comment about cabinetry. Rarely do you hear a customer go, 'Wow, that is beautiful roughen plumbing.' No! What they are left with is the beauty of the cabinetry and it gives so much of the soul of the home," says Lisa Hendrickson.

Hendrickson selects the finest oak, pine and mahogany to start. After teams cut, sand and assemble, the final woodwork is beautiful. It's a surprise to some that it's right from the Bronx.

"Many of them think that every piece comes from Europe... I say, 'no, this is from the shop that I work for, in the Bronx,' " says project manager Osvaldo Morales.

It pays off for Hendrickson to be in the South Bronx. Customers stop in to check on their works of art.

"They often come up to the shop to view their products in process," says Felix Henderson. "Many of them drive by our shop on their way to the Hamptons or on the way to Connecticut. 'I know where you are. I drive by there all the time on the bridge or on the Deegan.' "

And after they make the cabinets or shelves, the company goes into homes to install their products, making sure they fit and work perfectly.

The owners of Hendrickson say it's not a Bronx company just because it simply has its plant in the borough, they say they make it a point to hire Bronx residents to make the cabinets.

They've even started an apprenticeship program. And the company believes in hiring relatives of current workers. The idea being that if one family member is good at making fine wood work, another may have the same skills.

The way business is going, Hendrickson will have to hire a few more members of the Bronx family.

- Dean Meminger