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The Special Order

Meet the local artisans who custom-craft furniture, finishes, and fine decor in the city's poshest pads.

by Aimee Morgan and photography by Tony Valainis

When you want a round dining room table that seats 10 or a stained-glass window featuring the castle where you honeymooned, you go custom. You (or your team) seek out the designers behind the designers, the craftsmen who specialize in hand-making elements that every home needs, from furniture to decorative finishes. They don't hang their shingles where you can see them, and they don't run coupons in the newspaper. But they are in the business of making home interiors artfully special. We found nine local go-to sources for everything from one-of-a-kind tile to intricate Old World murals.



Christopher Blice & Jon Edwards

Blice Edwards Studios

Christopher Blice (standing)

THE CRAFT: Tilemaking **CREDENTIALS:** 7 years of experience **TYPICAL PROJECTS:** Backsplashes, showers, pool/spa areas **STYLE:** Contemporary **PRICE:** \$5 to \$75 per tile, plus installation **WAIT:** Six to eight weeks **WHY HE'S IN DEMAND:** From stately to whimsical, artsy to subdued, Blice's glass tiles (opposite page) radiate with imagination. He may incorporate copper and silver for sheen or suggest dichroic glass, which shimmers like a gem. **MUST-HAVE:** Kitchen backsplash. Created to match your kitchen's style, Blice's tiles offer a durable surface material that, unlike some ceramic tiles, is stain-resistant and easy to clean.

Jon Edwards

THE CRAFT: Decorative painting **CREDENTIALS:** 14 years of experience, three *Indianapolis Monthly Dream Homes* **STYLE:** Traditional and contemporary **NOTABLE CLIENTS:** Pro athletes **WHAT HE DOES:** Murals, trompe l'oeil, glazing, and Venetian plaster, all with custom-made paint **PRICE:** \$850 to \$1,800 per day, depending on crew size. Budget for one week per room. **WAIT:** Three months to get started **WHY HE'S IN DEMAND:** The premier specialty painter in town, Edwards is hailed for his artistry and historical accuracy. **WHAT'S HOT:** Painting the ceiling **ART TO GO:** Edwards creates canvas mural paintings that mount to the wall with wallpaper paste. You can take it with you if you move, and the painting is done in the studio, so you won't have a painting crew in your house for weeks. **WEB:** bliceedwardsstudios.com **PHONE:** 259-4308