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Big Ideas for Small Spaces

USE YOUR TIME THIS WINTER TO TURN SMALL SPACES IN YOUR HOME INTO THE ULTIMATE PERSONAL HOME IMPROVEMENTS

FROM CLIMATE CONTROLLED WINE CLOSETS to modular wardrobe units, transforming that under-utilized closet can add superior convenience and value to your home.

Over the past decade, the home organization product industry has grown to over \$8 billion dollars per year on organizational storage, baskets, shelving, and modular units.

“The challenges of storage design are quite different from home design,” says Radka Sumberova, an award-winning designer at Crystal Lake’s Suran Built. “With storage areas you focus on cubic-feet, where most home remodeling projects only consider the square footage in a room.”

While well-known for its kitchen and bathroom

remodeling, Suran Built is no stranger to storage renovation projects. Its portfolio boasts a number of elegant wine cellars and wine closets, as well as inspiring modular wardrobe installations and customizations of products from *California Closets*.

Of course, nothing screams luxury like a custom, climate-controlled wine closet. For the wine enthusiast, exposure to UV-light, rapid temperature changes, and a lack of humidity are serious problems for wine storage. Whether you buy by the case, or the bottle, proper storage will insure your wine is the best it can be when you pull that cork.

“There are a number of considerations the craftsman or do-it-yourself enthusiast must consider when building a wine cellar or closet,” said Kamil Suran,

owner of Suran Built. “Insulation and vapor barriers are required when using climate control units. The design must also incorporate woods that are tolerant of humidity, moisture, and resistant to shrinkage.”

Most wine closets and cellars are constructed using redwood and mahogany, and avoid using woods like cedar that have a strong odor.

Of course, the winter months are a great time to consider an upgrade for those old closet spaces. By the time spring and summer roll around again, you’ll be ready with that stunning wardrobe and a perfectly aged bottle of wine to enjoy with friends or family. U

To discuss your organizational needs with a professional planner, stop by Suran Built’s showroom at 30 North Williams in Crystal Lake, or call 815-444-1293.



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